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TO: Honorable John Cyrier, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1628 by Morrison (Relating to the authority of coastal counties to adopt certain rules for island parks, beach parks, and public beaches; creating a criminal offense.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Local Government Code to authorize certain counties to establish reasonable rules on camping, access, litter, resource protection, or waste disposal at beach or island parks.

The offense created by this bill would be a Class C misdemeanor.

According to the Office of Court Administration, any increased workload would likely be absorbed by existing resources. No significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. In addition to the fine, punishment can include up to 180 days of deferred disposition. Costs associated with enforcement and prosecution could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

According to the Texas Association of Counties, the bill would not have a significant fiscal impact to counties.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 212 Office of Court Administration,
Texas Judicial Council

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