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TO: Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Water & Rural Affairs

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IN RE: **SB641** by Huffman (Relating to dangerous wild animals; providing penalties; creating a criminal offense; authorizing a fee.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would prohibit owning, possessing, selling, transferring, breeding, or having custody or control of certain dangerous wild animals (DWAs), except under certain conditions. For those exceptions, the bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission to develop a DWA registration form and authorize the agency charge a registration fee in an amount to cover its related administrative costs. The bill would repeal provisions requiring DWAs to be registered through local animal control offices or county sheriffs.

The Health and Human Services Commission and Department of State Health Services indicate that the provisions of the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Although registration fees and civil and criminal penalties authorized by the bill could produce additional revenue to the state and to counties, the Comptroller of Public Accounts indicates that those amounts cannot be determined.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal implications of the bill to local governments cannot be determined at this time.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304
 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 529 Health and Human Services
 Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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