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TO: Honorable DeWayne Burns, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB222 by Murr (Relating to liability of burn bosses in connection with certain prescribed burns.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Natural Resources Code to provide that a burn boss is not liable for property damage, personal injury, or death caused by or resulting from a burn in excess of the insurance requirements established under certain law if the burn boss has completed a certain accredited prescribed burning training course, satisfies certain experience requirements, and has liability insurance greater than or equal to a certified and insured Prescribed Burn Manager.

Based on the analysis of the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Office of Court Administration, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed with existing resources. In addition, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated due to implementing the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin, 551 Department of Agriculture

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