

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 31, 2021**

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

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1371** by Guerra (Relating to the continuation of the Trade Agricultural Inspection Grant Program.),  
**As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1371, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$500,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2022	(\$250,000)
2023	(\$250,000)
2024	(\$225,000)
2025	\$0
2026	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</b>
2022	(\$250,000)
2023	(\$250,000)
2024	(\$225,000)
2025	\$0
2026	\$0

**Fiscal Analysis**

This bill would amend the Agriculture Code to reauthorize the Agricultural Inspection Grant Program until September 1, 2025. This program allows the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to provide a grant to a non-profit organization of up to \$725,000 for the duration of the grant program, using either funds appropriated for this purpose or funds received as a gift, grant or donation, for the purpose of reducing wait times for agricultural inspections of vehicles along the Texas-Mexico border.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2021 unless it receives a two-thirds majority vote of each chamber in which case the bill would take effect immediately.

**Methodology**

Based on information provided by TDA, this analysis assumes the agency would need \$250,000 each year of the 2022-23 biennium in General Revenue for the grant and \$225,000 in fiscal year 2024 to fully utilize all available grant funding authority up to the \$725,000 cap on total grant awards pursuant to Agriculture Code, Section 12.050 (i). Also based on information provided by TDA, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill, apart from the cost of the funds to be granted, could be accomplished with existing resources.

### **Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 551 Department of Agriculture

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