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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1631 by Guerra (Relating to the requirements for an application for a permit to manage wildlife and exotic animals from aircraft; authorizing a fee.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1631, As Engrossed : an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

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

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Revenue (Loss) from Game, Fish, Water Safety Act</i>	<i>Probable Revenue Gain from Game, Fish, Water Safety Act</i>
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2022	(\$150,000)	\$150,000
2023	(\$20,000)	\$20,000
2024	(\$20,000)	\$20,000
2025	(\$20,000)	\$20,000
2026	(\$20,000)	\$20,000

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code to require an application for a permit to manage wildlife and exotic animals from aircraft to include a map of the property in the application. If the map included is not georeferenced, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) would be required to convert the map into a georeferenced map for a fee. The bill would require TPWD to establish a fee in an amount necessary to cover the cost of this service.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.

Methodology

Fees and revenues related to Aerial Wildlife Management permit holders are deposited to the credit of General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9. TPWD estimates that the programming costs required to perform the mapping service required by the bill would be \$150,000 in fiscal year 2022, followed by recurring costs for maintenance and support in the amount of \$20,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2023. These amounts are reflected in the table above. For the purposes of this analysis, it is assumed that TPWD would adjust and assess fees as necessary to cover the costs of the mapping services to implement the provisions of the bill.

Technology

In fiscal year 2022, programming costs of \$150,000 would be necessary to develop the mapping services required by the bill, followed by annual costs of \$20,000 for maintenance and support beginning in fiscal year 2023.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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