

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Guerra, Guillen, King of Uvalde,  
Muñoz, Jr., et al.

H.B. No. 1371

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1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the continuation of the Trade Agricultural Inspection  
3 Grant Program.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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8 shall evaluate the performance of the program under this section  
9 and submit a report to the legislature. The report must include an  
10 evaluation of agricultural inspections affected by the program,  
11 including the extent to which the program is reducing wait times for  
12 agricultural inspections of vehicles at ports of entry along the  
13 border with the United Mexican States.

14 (l) Unless continued in existence by the legislature, this  
15 section expires September 1, 2025 [~~2021~~].

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

**ADOPTED**

**MAY 21 2021**

*Lately Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: *Eddie Lucio Jr.*

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1371:

By: *C. J. Blum*

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

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

**May 23, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

**IN RE: HB1371** by Guerra (Relating to the continuation of the Trade Agricultural Inspection Grant Program.),  
**As Passed 2nd House**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1371, As Passed 2nd House : a negative impact of (\$500,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is required to implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the Texas Department of Agriculture may, but is not required to, implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that purpose.

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>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2022	(\$250,000)
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**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

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**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

**LBB Staff:** JMc, LBO, AAL, MW, GDZ, AJL

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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

**May 6, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

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

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**Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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**May 4, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

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

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**As Engrossed**

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**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

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