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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: **SB691** by Kolkhorst (relating to an animal share exemption for certain meat and meat food products; providing a civil penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

According to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), DSHS would amend existing rules to clarify how animal share meat and meat products are handled and identified in order to remain at least equal to the United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service, and to comply with the Federal Meat Inspection Act and applicable regulatory requirements. Slaughter and preparation of animal share meat and meat food products would not be required to be conducted under requirements for a Grant of Inspection but would be produced under requirements for a Grant of Custom Exemption. A farmer or rancher would not be authorized to operate an ungranted slaughter or processing facility on their premises for the slaughter or processing of animal share meat or meat products. It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill would be absorbed using existing resources.

According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the number of potential violations of the bill's provisions is unknown. The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined.

Although the bill creates a new civil cause of action, the Office of Court Administration anticipates the potential increase in case volume would be absorbed by existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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

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