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TO: Honorable Brian Birdwell, Chair, Senate Committee on Border Security

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1133 by Blanco (Relating to a grant program to compensate certain property owners for damages caused by criminal activities.), **As Introduced**

<p>The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined due to costs being dependent upon the amount appropriated to the program, the number of applicants, and the number of grantees.</p>

The bill would establish a grant program within the Office of the Attorney General to compensate landowners for the costs associated with property damage to agricultural land committed by trespassers who are engaging in human smuggling, trafficking of persons, evasion of arrest, or crimes associated with controlled substances. The Office of the Attorney General may use any revenue available to implement the provisions of this bill.

It is assumed that the Office of the Attorney would be able to absorb administrative costs within current resources. However, the number of applications and the number of grantees are unknown, as well as the appropriation that would be provided for this program.

The Comptroller's Office indicates that the fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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