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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: SB1648 by Parker (Relating to the centennial parks conservation fund to be administered by the Parks and Wildlife Department.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code by adding Chapter 21-A, related to the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund. The bill would specify the authorized uses of the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund to: 1) acquiring state parks sites; 2) improving, developing, beautifying, equipping, or maintaining park sites; 3) providing grants to local governments or parks under Chapter 24 of the Parks and Wildlife Code; and 4) supporting Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) land, soil, and water conservation efforts.

This bill would take effect January 1, 2024, contingent upon the approval of a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund (Senate Joint Resolution 74) by voters. The fiscal implications of the creation of this fund are reflected in the fiscal note for this resolution. Based on information provided by TPWD, costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either in, with, or outside the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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