

1-1 By: Plesa, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst) H.B. No. 1592
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;
1-3 May 7, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
1-4 Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 19, 2025, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 19, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Perry	X		
1-9	Hancock	X		
1-10	Birdwell		X	
1-11	Blanco	X		
1-12	Gutierrez	X		
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-14	Johnson	X		
1-15	Kolkhorst	X		
1-16	Sparks	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to an alert system for dangerous plant and wildlife pests
1-20 and diseases administered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
1-21 Service.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 88, Education Code, is
1-24 amended by adding Section 88.823 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 88.823. PEST, DISEASE, AND QUARANTINE ALERT SYSTEM.

1-26 (a) With the cooperation of the Department of Agriculture, the
1-27 Texas Animal Health Commission, and the Parks and Wildlife
1-28 Department, the extension service shall develop and implement a
1-29 statewide Internet-based alert system for notifications related to
1-30 wildlife and plant pests, diseases, and quarantines. The alert
1-31 system must issue notifications for:

1-32 (1) a confirmed case of a dangerous plant or wildlife
1-33 pest or disease;

1-34 (2) the establishment, modification, or removal of a
1-35 pest or disease quarantine order; and

1-36 (3) any compliance agreements entered into with the
1-37 Department of Agriculture related to a pest or disease quarantine.

1-38 (b) The alert system established under this section must:

1-39 (1) issue notifications through e-mail; and

1-40 (2) provide for enrollment in the alert system for
1-41 delivery of a system notification.

1-42 (c) The extension service shall enter into a memorandum of
1-43 understanding with the Department of Agriculture, the Texas Animal
1-44 Health Commission, and the Parks and Wildlife Department to ensure
1-45 the extension service is able to issue a required notification
1-46 under Subsection (a) within 72 hours of an applicable action by
1-47 those agencies.

1-48 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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