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**TO:** Honorable Ryan Guillen, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

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

**IN RE: HB1203** by González, Jessica (Relating to the establishment of the office of food system security and resiliency in the Department of Agriculture and the management of the Texas food system security and resiliency planning council.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1203, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$535,970) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

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>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2026	(\$274,257)
2027	(\$261,713)
2028	(\$261,713)
2029	(\$261,713)
2030	(\$261,713)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2025</i>
2026	(\$274,257)	2.0
2027	(\$261,713)	2.0
2028	(\$261,713)	2.0
2029	(\$261,713)	2.0
2030	(\$261,713)	2.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Agriculture Code to create an Office of Food System Security and Resiliency (OFSSR) within the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). The office would be responsible for coordinating state resources and programs for efficient use, ensuring the food system is free of disruptions, promoting growth related to farm-to-store and farm-to-table consumption, working with other state agencies and local governments to develop regional food system security and resiliency, and promoting policies to create more local food access points by connecting retailers and end users with producers and collaborating with stakeholders.

The bill would require the OFSSR to make recommendations related to improving food system security and resiliency to the legislature no later than December 1st of each even-numbered year and to manage the Texas food system security and resiliency planning council under Chapter 23, Agriculture Code.

### **Methodology**

This analysis and the table above reflects the fiscal impact based on information provided by TDA. TDA assumes there would be a cost from the General Revenue Fund of \$274,257 in 2026 and \$261,713 in 2027 and each subsequent fiscal year with 2.0 FTEs in each fiscal year to implement the provisions of the bill. In addition to salaries, travel, and other operating costs, these costs would include related benefit and payroll costs as well as a cost of \$75,000 in each fiscal year to enter into an interagency contract with a state university to research and review successful programs in other states and assist TDA with developing recommendations for Texas.

### **Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 551 Department of Agriculture

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