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**TO:** Honorable Angie Chen Button, Chair, House Committee on Trade, Workforce & Economic Development

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

**IN RE: SB1484** by Hinojosa, Adam (relating to the marketing and sale of catfish and similar fish by food service establishments, food service suppliers, wholesalers, distributors, and wholesale distributors; providing administrative and civil penalties.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB1484, Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$307,814) 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	(\$140,371)
2027	(\$167,443)
2028	(\$167,443)
2029	(\$167,443)
2030	(\$167,443)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable (Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2025</i>
2026	(\$140,371)	1.5
2027	(\$167,443)	1.5
2028	(\$167,443)	1.5
2029	(\$167,443)	1.5
2030	(\$167,443)	1.5

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require a food service establishment, food service supplier, wholesaler, distributor, or wholesale distributor to represent a food product for sale as catfish only if it is a product that contains catfish and no other fish similar to catfish and would be prohibited from representing a product containing a fish similar to catfish, that is not catfish, as catfish.

The bill would authorize administrative penalties against the license or permit holder for violations under the

bill by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), public health district, or county that requires a food service establishment, food service supplier, wholesaler, distributor, or wholesale distributor to hold a license or permit to operate in the state.

The bill would authorize civil penalties against the license or permit holder for violations under the bill by DSHS, public health district, or county that requires a food service establishment, food service supplier, wholesaler, distributor, or wholesale distributor to hold a license or permit to operate in the state. The Attorney General, the district or county attorney, or municipal attorney, would be authorized to bring an action to recover a civil penalty.

### **Methodology**

DSHS would promulgate any new rules in accordance with the bill's requirements.

DSHS would communicate new standards to staff and notify other affected agencies, including local health departments, of the new standards.

DSHS would need to hire Sanitarian I positions (1.5 FTEs) for the increased time for inspections. The cost for salaries and benefits would be \$94,228 in fiscal year 2026 and \$125,637 in fiscal year 2027. The lower cost in fiscal year 2026 is attributable to a later start date for the positions in the fiscal year. Additional costs associated with the positions would total less than \$0.1 million in each fiscal year.

The Office of the Attorney General anticipates that any legal work could be absorbed within existing resources.

The number of violations that would result in an administrative or civil penalty and the resultant revenue is unknown; therefore, the related impact on the state cannot be determined.

### **Technology**

Information Technology related costs at DSHS associated with the FTEs and staff augmentation would total less than \$0.1 million in each fiscal year.

### **Local Government Impact**

Local governments may incur some costs related to implementation of the bill.

The number of violations that would result in an administrative or civil penalty and the resultant revenue is unknown; therefore, the related impact on local governments cannot be determined.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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