Summary of Legislative Action H.B. 3391 Harper-Brown (Hegar)

The Legislature adopted all of the Sunset Commission's recommendations and added four statutory modifications to House Bill 3391. The list below summarizes the major provisions of H.B. 3391, and more detailed discussion is located in each issue.

Sunset Provisions

- 1. Require the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to create a list of aquatic plants that may be imported and possessed within Texas without a permit.
- 2. Require state agencies with statewide authority that receive TPWD's comments on proposed projects or permits to respond to TPWD on the disposition of those comments.
- 3. Establish an Internal Affairs Office in statute, require the Office to report to the Parks and Wildlife Commission, and grant the Commission authority to initiate cases.
- 4. Authorize the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to join the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact on behalf of the State of Texas.
- 5. Instruct TPWD and the Texas Youth Commission to jointly seek representation by the Attorney General to pursue a modification of the Parrie Haynes Trust to designate TPWD as the state agency responsible for the Parrie Haynes Ranch and Trust.
- 6. Continue TPWD for 12 years.

Provisions Added by the Legislature

- 1. Expand the types of funds that may be deposited into TPWD GR-Dedicated accounts.
- 2. Allow the sale of products made from certain game animals.
- 3. Allow the hunting of pigeons in private bird hunting areas.
- 4. Grant emergency rulemaking authority.

Fiscal Implication Summary

House Bill 3391 will not have a fiscal impact to the State.