

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable David Dewhurst , Lieutenant Governor, Senate  
Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1163** by Thompson (Relating to contracts between certain health care providers and health benefit plans.), **Conference Committee Report**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would require an insurer to pay a licensed podiatrist for a covered service the same amount and in the same manner as a physician who renders the same covered service.

Based on the analysis of the Texas Department of Insurance, the duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished within its existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 454 Department of Insurance, 512 Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners

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