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TO: Honorable Carlos Uresti, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1793 by Wohlgemuth (Relating to the option to satisfy the inspection requirement for renewal of a nursing home license with an annual accreditation review performed by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Organizations.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 242 of the Health and Safety Code to allow the Department of Human Services (DHS) to accept an accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Organizations (JCAHO) for a nursing home instead of an inspection for the purposes of renewing a nursing home license.

The bill would require DHS to determine if a waiver or other form of authorization from the federal government is necessary to implement this legislation.

It is assumed that should the department determine that a waiver would be needed and granted and facilities avail themselves of the JCAHO inspections, expenditures at DHS related to nursing home inspections could be reduced.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 324 Department Of Human Services, 529 Health And Human Services Commission

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