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TO: Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB437 by Dutton (Relating to determinations of paternity in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Family Code to provide for mandatory paternity tests in suits where child support orders are sought before the man can be ordered to pay child support. The bill provides that parties, other than governmental entity, shall bear the cost of genetic testing.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. There may be increased demand on court dockets.

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