

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Carlos Uresti, Chair, House Committee on Government Reform

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

**IN RE: HB2696** by Anchia (Relating to the licensing and regulation of massage therapy and massage establishments and certain services related to massage; providing penalties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill changes the credentialing for massage therapists, requiring them to be licensed instead of registered. The bill imposes record keeping requirements for massage establishments and massage therapists and imposes restrictions and prohibitions on certain activities and forms of attire in massage establishments. Existing Department of State Health Services staff will revise rules related to massage therapists and redesign and revise certificates and public information materials.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 537 Department of State Health Services

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