

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

**IN RE: SB568** by Deuell (Relating to personal emergency response system providers; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would make changes to the regulation of personal emergency response system providers by the Department of State Health Services, including requiring monitors employed by licensed companies to obtain licenses under the Health and Safety Code. DSHS estimates minimal increased revenue to the state through licensing fees. All affected agencies report that increased activity associated with regulatory changes that would result from the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

The bill would restrict political subdivisions from acting as alarm systems companies, except under certain conditions including if activities were initiated prior to September 1, 1999.

**Source Agencies:** 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 360 State Office of Administrative Hearings, 405 Department of Public Safety, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 Department of State Health Services

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