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TO: Honorable Bill Callegari, Chair, House Committee on Government Reform

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

IN RE: HB1433 by Laubenberg (Relating to the employment of investigators by and subpoena powers of the office of inspector general.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Section 1 of the bill would amend Section 531.102, Government Code, by adding Subsection (h-1), which would allow the inspector general to employ commissioned peace officers as investigators for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the inspector general. These staff would not be entitled to supplemental benefits from the law enforcement and custodial officer supplemental retirement fund under Title 8.

Section 2 of the bill would amend Section 531.1021(a), Government Code, by allowing the inspector general to directly issue a subpoena in connection with an investigation by the office. The bill would remove commissioner approval of such subpoenas.

Section 3 would amend Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, by correcting titles of certain boards and agencies. Article 2.12 (35) would add a new category of peace officers employed or commissioned by the office of inspector general under Subchapter C, Chapter 531, Government Code.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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