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**TO:** Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Insurance

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

**IN RE: HB1438** by Oliveira (Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to require certain health benefit plans to provide coverage for certain cardiovascular screening medical procedures.

Based on the analysis of the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), it is assumed that there would be a one-time revenue gain of \$25,600 in the General Revenue Dedicated Account Fund 36 in fiscal year 2008 because the bill would result in 256 filings, each accompanied by a \$100 filing fee. Since General Revenue Dedicated Account Fund 36 is a self-leveling account, this analysis assumes all revenue generated would go toward fund balances or the maintenance tax would be set to recover a lower level of revenue the following year. It is also assumed that any costs realized by TDI from implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

**Local Government Impact**

Counties, municipalities, and other local government entities to which the bill would apply under the Local Government Code that either provide health insurance benefits for their employees and employees' dependents or participate in a group risk pool to provide insurance benefits could experience an increase in costs of negotiated health insurance contracts to include the additional coverage required by the bill. Whether those amounts would be absorbed by the local entity or passed on to the insured employees or in what amounts would vary depending on decisions made by local government officials and number of employees covered.

**Source Agencies:** 323 Teacher Retirement System, 327 Employees Retirement System, 454 Department of Insurance

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