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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

IN RE: SB1058 by West, Royce (Relating to reintegration counseling services and related resources for military servicemembers.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Adjutant General's Department to develop a referral program for reintegration services for servicemembers. The Adjutant General's Department indicates the bill would not have a significant fiscal impact to the department, because this service is currently provided by Family Programs in the Texas National Guard.

The bill would establish a Texas Veterans Policy Advisory Committee to advise the Adjutant General on quality of life issues for veterans. It is assumed any costs to provide administrative support to the committee would not be significant.

The bill would require the Veteran's Commission to collect and maintain the number of servicemembers and veterans by county and to publish this information on the commission's website. The Veteran's Commission indicates the bill would not have a fiscal impact to the agency.

The bill would require the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), with the assistance of the Veteran's Commission, to compile, maintain, and disseminate a directory of services for servicemembers and their immediate family. The Veteran's Commission and DSHS would be required to provide the directory on the agencies' websites. It is assumed any costs to DSHS or HHSC to implement the bill would not be significant and could be absorbed with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 401 Adjutant General's Department, 403 Veterans Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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