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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

IN RE: SB1345 by Seliger (Relating to the creation of a criminal offense concerning the making of certain fraudulent claims.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code by creating a criminal offense concerning the making of certain fraudulent claims. Punishment for making fraudulent claims would range from a Class C Misdemeanor (less than \$50) to a first degree felony (\$200,000 or more) and would depend on the total value of the claim involved. Under the provision of the bill a person convicted of making fraudulent claims would be required to pay restitution, including court costs and attorney's fees, to an affected person.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

It is assumed that the number of offenders convicted under this statute would not result in a significant impact on the programs and workload of state corrections agencies or on the demand for resources and services of those agencies.

Local Government Impact

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

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