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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

IN RE: SB1429 by Van de Putte (Relating to the authority of physicians to delegate to certain pharmacists the implementation and modification of a patient's drug therapy.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1429, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	\$0
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1</i>	Probable Revenue Gain/ (Loss) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1</i>	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2007
2008	(\$53,585)	\$53,585	1.0
2009	(\$42,838)	\$42,838	1.0
2010	(\$42,838)	\$42,838	1.0
2011	(\$42,838)	\$42,838	1.0
2012	(\$42,838)	\$42,838	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Occupations Code to provide a physician the authority to delegate to certain pharmacists the implementation and modification of a patient's drug therapy. The bill would require the pharmacist to provide the Board of Pharmacy with a copy of the protocol which provides this delegation, and would require the Board of Pharmacy to provide on its Internet website a list of pharmacists who are authorized to sign a prescription drug order.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Methodology

It is estimated that Board of Pharmacy would have a cost associated with implementing the provisions of this bill. Based on the analysis of the Board of Pharmacy, it is assumed that 1.0 FTE would be required to review, approve, and data enter each pharmacist and the pharmacist's supervising physician under the protocol required.

Based on the analysis of the Board of Pharmacy, it is assumed that costs for staff would be \$31,345 for 1.0 FTE in each fiscal year from 2008 through fiscal year 2012. Other operating expenses are estimated at \$13,372 in fiscal year 2008 and \$2,625 in each fiscal year from 2009 to fiscal year 2012. Estimated costs also include \$8,868 in each fiscal year from 2008 through fiscal year 2012 for associated benefits.

This analysis assumes that any increased costs resulting from this bill would be offset by an increase in fee generated revenue.

Technology

No technology cost to the Board of Pharmacy is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 515 Board of Pharmacy

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