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TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

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

IN RE: HB887 by Naishtat (Relating to a court's authority to order a proposed patient to receive extended outpatient mental health services.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would allow for persons that are on temporary mental health outpatient commitments to be placed on extended outpatient commitments. The bill would be effective September 1, 2009.

According to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), mental health state hospitals would be able to consolidate multiple temporary outpatient commitment hearings into one extended commitment hearing and there would be very few persons served by DSHS or community providers who would be appropriate for this type of extended outpatient commitment, perhaps 10 a year. It is assumed that any cost associated with activities required under the bill can be absorbed within existing agency resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of

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