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TO: Honorable Todd Hunter, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB998 by Brown, Fred (Relating to the hearing and final decision of certain occupational licensing contested cases by a State Office of Administrative Hearings administrative law judge.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to give the State Office of Administrative Hearings final decision-making authority in all occupational licensing and enforcement hearings.

Based on analysis of the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Texas Department of License and Regulation, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 360 State Office of Administrative Hearings, 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation

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