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TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Insurance

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

IN RE: HB1570 by Thompson (Relating to reimbursement under preferred provider benefit plans for services provided by licensed podiatrists.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to require preferred provider plans to utilize the same methodology to calculate the payment or reimbursement by contract to a podiatrist as the methodology to calculate the payment or reimbursement by contract to a physician. The Texas Department of Insurance indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within existing agency resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 454 Department of Insurance

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