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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: HB1647** by Menendez (Relating to certain judicial findings required before a court may order a person to receive extended outpatient mental health services.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would allow judges or juries to place persons on extended outpatient commitments if they have received a total of 60 days of court-ordered inpatient mental health services in the past two years. Currently the 60 days must be consecutive and within the past year.

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) estimates that there will only be about 10 persons per year eligible for this type of commitment. The bill would allow DSHS to consolidate multiple temporary outpatient commitment hearings into a single extended commitment hearing. The agency indicates no quantifiable cost or savings to the state.

**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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