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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: HB1757 by Thompson (Relating to review of certain license examinations for insurance

agents.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require a review of certain insurance agent license examinations if during any 12-month period the exam has an overall pass rate of less than 70 percent for first-time examinees. The bill would require the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) to collect demographic data and to provide an annual report indicating whether there was any disparity in the pass rate based on race, gender, or national origin. The bill would authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to establish rules necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

Based on the analysis from the Texas Department of Insurance, any costs realized by TDI from implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 454 Department of Insurance

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