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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: HB1888 by Davis, John (Relating to standards required for certain rankings of physicians by health benefit plans.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would provide that health benefit plans which rank physicians must meet standards as prescribed by the Commissioner of Insurance by rule. The bill would require that the Commissioner of Insurance consider national standards and performance measures emphasizing quality of health care. The bill would require that a health benefit plan that ranks physicians must disclose the standards and measurements by which each physician is ranked to the physician. The bill would provide due process for the physician to dispute the ranking.

It is not anticipated that these requirements would have any fiscal impact to the state.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 454 Department of Insurance

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