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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: HB2714 by Coleman (Relating to group health benefit plan coverage for speech, language, or hearing impairments.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to expand the coverage of group health benefit plans to include speech, language, or hearing impairments. Based on the analysis of the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), it is assumed that there would be a one-time revenue gain of \$26,400 in the General Revenue Dedicated Account Fund 36 in fiscal year 2010 because the bill would result in additional filings. Since General Revenue Dedicated Account Fund 36 is a self-leveling account, this analysis assumes all revenue generated would go toward fund balances or the maintenance tax would be set to recover a lower level of revenue the following year. It is also assumed that any costs realized by TDI from implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Based on the analysis by the University of Texas System, the Texas A&M University System, and the Teachers Retirement System, the bill would not apply to the agencies' health insurance plans. The Employee Retirement System indicates that the bill's affect on the agencies' health insurance plan would not result in a significant fiscal impact.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 323 Teacher Retirement System, 327 Employees Retirement System, 454 Department of Insurance, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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