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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: HB4401 by Martinez Fischer (Relating to access to certain counselors and therapists.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Insurance Code regarding access to certain licensed mental health practitioners. Based on the analysis of the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), it is assumed that there would be a one-time revenue gain of \$30,000 in the General Revenue Dedicated Account Fund 36 in fiscal year 2010 because the bill would result in additional amendment filings by insurers. 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.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 454 Department of Insurance

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