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TO: Honorable Rodney Ellis, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1001 by Deuell (Relating to the continuation and operation of the office of public insurance counsel.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill amends the Insurance Code to continue the Office of Public Insurance Counsel (OPIC) to 2021. Additionally the bill requires OPIC to implement a technology policy to improve the agency's ability to perform its functions and ensure that the public is able to interact with the office via the internet. The bill also requires OPIC to develop and implement a policy relating to alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedures, and designate a person to coordinate the implementation of the ADR policy.

Based on information provided by OPIC, it is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 359 Office of Public Insurance Counsel

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