

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

IN RE: SB1143 by Carona (Relating to requirements regarding employer liability for certain group health benefit plan premiums.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Insurance Code regarding employer liability for health maintenance organization plan premiums. The bill would require the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) to conduct a study on the disparity in patient co-payments between orally- and intravenously-administered chemotherapies.

Based on the analysis of TDI, it is assumed that there would be a one-time revenue gain of \$6,200 in the General Revenue Dedicated Account Fund 36 in fiscal year 2010 because the bill would result in additional form filings to reflect this change. The cost of conducting the study is anticipated to be absorbed within existing agency resources.

Since General Revenue Dedicated Account Fund 36 is a self-leveling account, this analysis assumes all general revenue would go toward fund balances or the maintenance tax would be set to recover a lower level of revenue the following year.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 454 Department of Insurance, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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