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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

IN RE: SB1172 by Nichols (Relating to on-site surveys of home and community support services agencies.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code as it relates to on-site surveys of home and community support services agencies.

The bill would require the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to conduct an initial on-site survey not later than the first anniversary of the date the agency issues an initial license. After the initial license, under the provisions of the bill, DADS would be required to conduct an on-site survey at least every 36 months. Under current law, an on-site survey must be conducted within 18 months after a survey for an initial license and at least every 36 months after that time.

The bill would apply to an initial survey required to be conducted by DADS on or after the effective date of the bill. A survey required to be conducted before the effective date of the bill is governed by the law in effect at that time and the former law is continued for that purpose.

If the provisions of the bill result in fewer surveys conducted, the cost to the state for regulation of home and community support services agencies may be lower.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of

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