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TO: Honorable Richard Pena Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

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

IN RE: HB37 by Guillen (Relating to a pilot project to establish a comprehensive access point for long-term services and supports provided to older persons and persons with physical disabilities.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), in conjunction with the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS), to establish a comprehensive pilot project to establish a single point of entry system for certain long-term care services. HHSC would be required to establish a tentative eligibility determination for these services. The bill would direct the commission to establish the pilot in an office that has colocated long-term services and supports staff members. The bill would also require that HHSC submit a report no later than January 31, 2013 concerning the project to the presiding officers of the standing committee of the senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over health and human services. The pilot project would expire on September 1, 2015.

The bill would require that the pilot site be in operation no later than December 31, 2011. The bill would allow for a delay in implementation if the agency determines that it requires a waiver or authority from a federal agency to implement the provisions of the bill.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote in each house; if not, it would take effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.

For purposes of this analysis, it is assumed any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of

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