

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: HB556** by Howard, Donna (Relating to the applicability of massage therapy licensing requirements to a person employing certain muscle activation techniques.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Chapter 455, Occupations Code, relating to massage therapy, by providing an exemption to licensing requirements for persons who, for compensation, employ muscle activation techniques. The bill would be effective immediately with a two-thirds vote of all members of each house, or on September 1, 2011. The Department of State Health Services indicates that promulgation of rules could be accomplished with existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 537 State Health Services, Department of

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