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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: HB1965 by Kolkhorst (Relating to the expansion of faith- and community-based health and human services initiatives.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add state agencies to the existing list of state agencies that must designate one employee to serve as a liaison for faith- and community-based organizations and the interagency coordinating group for faith- and community-based initiatives. The bill would direct the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to provide administrative support to the interagency coordinating group. The bill would require the interagency coordinating group to submit a report that describes the activities, goals and progress of the group to the legislature by December 1 of each year.

The bill would establish an interagency coordinating group task force of members appointed by the executive commissioner of HHSC and the presiding officer of the interagency coordinating group. The bill would direct the interagency coordinating group, in coordination with the task force, to develop and implement a plan for improving contracting relationships between state agencies and faith- and community-based organizations, research best practices, identify and address any duplication of or gaps in services. The bill would require the task force to prepare a report relating to the recommendations for legislation and to present the report no later than September 1, 2012.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house. If not, the bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Based on this analysis and the assumption of current, applicable law, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 301 Office of the Governor, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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