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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: HB2068 by Naishtat (Relating to the health professions resource center.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2068, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$35,149 through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	\$14,501
2013	\$20,648
2014	\$20,512
2015	\$20,374
2016	\$20,231

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Probable (Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2011
2012	\$103,605	(\$89,104)	1.0
2013	\$103,605	(\$82,957)	1.0
2014	\$103,605	(\$83,093)	1.0
2015	\$103,605	(\$83,231)	1.0
2016	\$103,605	(\$83,374)	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Chapter 105, Health and Safety Code, relating to the Health Professions Resource Center, by requiring that a social work resource section be established to study educational and employment trends for social workers in Texas. The bill would amend Chapter 505, Occupations Code, relating to social workers, by increasing the renewal fee for a social worker license by \$10. A portion (six cents) would be allocated to cover collection/deposit costs, and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) would be authorized to use the remainder to fund the new social work resource section. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Methodology

According to DSHS, there were 20,721 licensed social workers in Texas in fiscal year 2010;

calculations do not assume growth. Licenses are issued for two years; calculations assume renewals are staggered (10,360 per fiscal year). The increase in revenue (deposited to the General Revenue Fund) would total \$103,605 per fiscal year. Additional funding and full-time equivalents (FTEs) would, however, need to be appropriated to DSHS.

DSHS estimates that one Research Specialist would be needed for collecting and analyzing social worker data. Total costs for DSHS, including FTE costs and the cost of collecting/depositing the fee increase, are estimated to be \$89,104 in General Revenue and All Funds for fiscal year 2012 and approximately \$83,000 in General Revenue and All Funds for each fiscal year thereafter.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 364 Health Professions Council, 537 State Health Services, Department of
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