

**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: SB1177** by Nelson (Relating to the adoption by health care facilities of a policy on vaccine preventable diseases; imposing penalties.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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

The bill would add a new chapter to the Health and Safety Code that would require health care facilities to develop and implement policies related to immunization requirements for employees of health care facilities and individuals providing direct care under a contract with the facility, in order to protect patients from vaccine-preventable diseases. It would permit exemptions for certain medical conditions and reasons of conscience; facilities would be authorized to prohibit those employees from contact with patients during a public health disaster. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

The Department of State Health Services indicates that implementation of the provisions of the bill would have no fiscal impact.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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