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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB13 by Hegar (Relating to abortion at or after 20 weeks post-fertilization.), As
Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapters 171 and 245 of the Health and Safety Code and Chapter 164 of the Occupations Code relating to abortion at or after 20 weeks post-fertilization. The bill would prohibit abortions at or after 20 weeks post-fertilization and adds a violation related to abortions performed at or after 20 weeks post-fertilization to the list of prohibited practices by physicians or license applicants. The bill includes provisions of exception which allow an abortion, via the method most likely to lead to live birth, if the mother's life or physical impairment of a major bodily function is at risk or if the unborn child has a profound and irremediable congenital anomaly. The bill states that the requirements of the bill are severable if a portion of the bill is found by a court to be invalid. The bill would take effect immediately if a two-thirds majority vote in both houses of the Legislature is received. Otherwise, the bill would take effect on September 1, 2013. Based on the analysis provided by the Department of State Health Services, the Texas Medical Board, and the Office of Court Administration, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 503 Texas Medical Board

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