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TO: Honorable Richard Peña Raymond, Chair, House Committee On Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB591** by Naishtat (Relating to the health professions resource center; increasing a fee.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 105 of the 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. Additionally, the bill would amend Chapter 505 of the 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 net revenue gain after funding the section is not expected to be significant.

Based on analysis provided by DSHS, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Health Professions Council, and the Department of Information Resources, it is assumed the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 313 Department of Information Resources, 364 Health Professions Council, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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