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TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB740 by Crownover (Relating to newborn screening for critical congenital heart disease and other disorders.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code as it relates to newborn screening for critical congenital heart disease and other disorders. Under the provisions of the bill, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) would be required to perform newborn screenings for disorders listed as core or secondary conditions to the extent that funding is available. The bill would require DSHS to authorize a screening test for critical congenital heart disease to be performed at a birthing facility that provides care to newborn patients and that complies with the test procedures and standards of accuracy and precision required by DSHS for each screening test. The bill would also require DSHS to review the necessity of the additional screening test, including an assessment of the costs of the requirement. It is assumed that the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of

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