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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB947 by King, Susan (Relating to the authority and duties of the office of inspector general for the Health and Human Services Commission.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to review how the OIG works with the Office of the Attorney General to investigate fraud, waste, and abuse and enforce state law in the provision of health and human services. The bill would require the OIG to submit a report to the legislature containing recommendations and any additional authority necessary to more effectively investigate fraud, waste, and abuse and enforce state law in those services.

The bill would require the OIG at HHSC to develop strategies for addressing fraud, waste and abuse in the administration of the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) and the provision of SNAP benefits and to submit a report to the legislature about such strategies.

Based on the analysis of HHSC and the Office of the Attorney General, it is assumed additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources. HHSC indicates there could be costs associated with the implementation of new strategies for addressing fraud, waste, and abuse related to SNAP administration and benefits.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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