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TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee On Insurance

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB997 by Smithee (Relating to health plan and health benefit plan coverage for abortions.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend various statutory provisions relating to health plan and health benefit plan coverage for abortions, including qualified health plans offered through a health benefit exchange. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2013 and apply to health insurance plans issued on or after January 1, 2014.

Based on information provided by the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, The University of Texas System Administration, Employees Retirement System, and Teacher Retirement System it is assumed that any costs associated with the implementation of this bill would be absorbed within existing agency resources. Based on information provided by TDI, this analysis assumes that implementation of the bill would result in a small one-time revenue gain (\$28,200 in fiscal year 2014) in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Fund 36 from filing fees. Since General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Fund 36 is a self-leveling account, this analysis also assumes that any additional revenue resulting from the implementation of the bill would accumulate in account fund balances and that the department would adjust the assessment of the maintenance tax or other fees accordingly in the following year.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 323 Teacher Retirement System, 327 Employees Retirement System, 454 Department of Insurance, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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