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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1039 by Eiland (Relating to the regulation of the practice of physical therapy.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to the regulation of the practice of physical therapy. The bill would allow physical therapists who meet certain requirements to treat patients in their scope of practice without a referral. The bill would also allow the Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners to pursue disciplinary actions if a physical therapist provides care outside their scope of practice. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Based on information provided by the Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners, it is assumed that any costs associated with the implementation of the bill would be absorbed within existing staff and resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 533 Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners

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