

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1549** by Laubenberg (Relating to the regulation of speech-language pathology and audiology and the fitting and dispensing of hearing instruments.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend Chapters 401 and 402 of the Occupations Code, related to the regulation of speech-language pathology and audiology and the fitting and dispensing of hearing instruments. The bill would impact the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and the State Committee of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Health Instruments Committee, both licensing boards that are administratively attached to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

DSHS indicates that any rule and administrative modifications necessary to implement the bill would be absorbed within existing resources. The agency further notes that implementation of Section 9 of the bill, which repeals language related to certain licenses, would not impact revenue as the program is not currently exercising the authority that would be repealed.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013 and would require that the board and committee modify specified rules by January 1, 2014. The bill would apply to an application for a license filed on or after January 1, 2015.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 537 State Health Services, Department of, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 701 Central Education Agency, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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