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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2162 by Eiland (Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain nonemergency ambulance transportation services.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Insurance Code relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain nonemergency ambulance transportation services. The bill would prohibit certain health benefit plans from providing benefits for nonemergency ambulance transportation services if the plan issuer has a financial relationship with the nonemergency ambulance transportation service provider, unless there is no other nonemergency ambulance transportation service provider in the area. A health benefit plan that provides coverage for nonemergency ambulance transportation services where there is only one provider, shall maintain documentation evidencing that no other provider is available to provide the service in the area. The bill would further prohibit transportation service providers from making payments to plan issuers for referrals or contracts to provide nonemergency ambulance transportation services.

Based on information provided by the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), it is assumed that all duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing staff and resources.

Based on information provided by the Teacher Retirement System, Texas A&M University System Administration, and the University of Texas System Administration, the bill would have no fiscal impact.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 323 Teacher 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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