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TO: Honorable René Oliveira, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3022** by Zedler (Relating to the dispute by an insurer of a determination of specific injuries and diagnoses in connection with a compensable injury in certain workers' compensation claims.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Labor Code relating to the dispute by an insurer of a determination of specific injuries and diagnoses in connection with a compensable injury in certain workers' compensation claims. The bill would require that upon receipt of a doctor's report detailing all injuries and diagnoses relating to a compensable injury, the insurance carrier shall either accept all injuries and diagnoses or dispute the determination of specific injuries and diagnoses by requesting an examination by a doctor or a benefit review conference. If the insurance carrier does not dispute the determination on or before the 90th day after the date the report is provided, the insurance carrier waves its rights to dispute the determination unless there is a finding of evidence that could not have reasonably been discovered earlier.

Based on information provided by the Texas Department of Insurance and the State Office of Risk Management, it is assumed that any costs associated with the implementation of this bill could be absorbed within existing staff and resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 454 Department of Insurance, 479 State Office of Risk Management

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