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

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

**IN RE:** **HB3280** by Workman (Relating to payments to health care providers when a claim is denied under the workers' compensation system.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Labor Code relating to payments to health care providers when a claim is denied under the workers' compensation system. The bill would prohibit a health care provider from pursuing a private claim against a workers' compensation claimant except under certain conditions, including if an employee fails to request a benefit review conference to dispute the insurance carrier's denial of compensability before the 46th day after the date of receipt of the denial.

Based on information provided by the Office of the Attorney General, implementing the provisions of the bill could lead to an increase in contested cases against the State of Texas and a need for an additional 4.0 Full-time Equivalent positions. This analysis assumes that any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished utilizing existing staff and resources.

Based on information provided by the Texas Department of Insurance, 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.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 302 Office of the Attorney General, 454 Department of Insurance, 479 State Office of Risk Management

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