

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee On Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

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

**IN RE:** SB166 by Deuell (Relating to the use by certain health care providers of electronically readable information from a driver's license or personal identification certificate.),  
**Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Transportation Code to authorize a health care provider to access, use, compile, or maintain a database of electronically readable information derived from certain driver's licenses or personal identification certificates to provide health care services to an individual. A health care provider would be required to use an alternative method for collecting an individual's information if the individual objects. Under current statute, only a hospital is authorized.

The bill would include the definition of a health care provider. A health care provider that violates the provisions would commit a Class A misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both.

The Department of State Health Services reported there would be no fiscal impact to the agency.

**Local Government Impact**

There could be costs to a health care provider that would be required to obtain information by an alternate method if a person objects to the use of electronically readable information; however, those amounts would vary depending on the number of persons that would object, and the current processes that a health care provider uses to collect information.

Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources; and revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

**Source Agencies:** 537 State Health Services, Department of

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