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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee On Business & Commerce

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB736** by Watson (Relating to insurance rating and underwriting practices and declinations based on certain consumer inquiries.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Insurance Code relating to insurance rating and underwriting practices and declinations based on certain consumer inquiries. The bill would prohibit insurers from using an underwriting guideline, charging a rate, canceling a policy, or refusing to renew a policy based upon a consumer inquiry that has been made by or on behalf of the applicant or insured. Based on information provided by the Texas Department of Insurance, it is assumed that any costs associated with the implementation of this bill would 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

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