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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB807 by Deuell (Relating to the authority of the Department of State Health Services to admit certain nonresident tuberculosis patients to a state chest hospital.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 13 of the Health and Safety Code as it relates to the authority of the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to admit certain nonresident tuberculosis patients to a state chest hospital. The bill would grant DSHS the authority to admit persons to the Texas Center for Infectious Disease (TCID) if the person is in the custody of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or other appropriate federal agency, pending completion of deportation or political asylum proceedings and DSHS determines the person is a tuberculosis patient.

The bill would require DSHS to attempt to recover the costs of treatment from the appropriate federal agency. It is assumed that DSHS will enter into a memorandum of understanding with the appropriate federal agency to cover any potential treatment cost. DSHS indicates that the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members of each house; otherwise the bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of

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