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TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1874** by Zerwas (Relating to the establishment of the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would create the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council to assess the availability of patient-centered and family-focused palliative care and provide a biennial report to the legislature. The bill would require the executive commission of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to appoint the council members, organize the meetings, and provide reimbursement for travel expenses. The bill would require HHSC, in consultation with the council, to establish a statewide palliative care consumer and professional information and education program. HHSC indicates that implementation of the provisions of the bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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