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TO: Honorable Myra Crownover, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3995** by Romero, Jr. (Relating to the practice of marriage and family therapy.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 502 of the Occupations Code to authorize licensed marriage and family therapists to utilize diagnostic classification systems and related billing codes for evaluation, classification, treatment, or other activities in connection with a claim for payment or reimbursement. The bill would prohibit licensed marriage and family therapists from prescribing medication, treating a physical disease, or providing any service outside the scope practice of a licensed marriage and family therapist or licensed marriage and family therapist associate. The Department of State Health Services indicates that costs associated with rulemaking activities could be absorbed within current resources.

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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