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TO: Honorable Richard Peña Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB59** by Nelson (Relating to an exemption from competitive bidding requirements for the procurement of services for victims of family violence.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Human Resources Code to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to use a noncompetitive procurement procedure to award contracts if HHSC determines that there is no competition between eligible family violence centers for services. If there is competition between eligible family violence centers, HHSC shall award the contract under Section 51.003(a) or (b) through an application process that considers the eligibility requirements and other factors provided in Section 51.004. The bill would also require HHSC to consult with a statewide family violence organization to develop the application process, but not during the contract selection or award process.

Section 51.003(d) relating to family violence contracts would be repealed.

HHSC does not anticipate a significant fiscal impact as a result of complying with the provisions of the bill.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house; otherwise it would take effect September 1, 2015.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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