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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB17 by Kolkhorst (Relating to maternal health and safety, pregnancy-related deaths, and maternal morbidity, including postpartum depression.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Health and Safety Code Chapter 34 to expand the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force's duties. The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission to evaluate options for reducing pregnancy-related deaths, and to submit a written report that summarizes the Health and Human Services Commission's and the Department of State Health Services' efforts to reduce the incidence of pregnancy-related deaths. The Health and Human Services Commission is directed to conduct a study on the feasibility of adding a pay-for-quality measure related to provider procedures, and to include the study's findings in the report. The bill would continue the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force through September 1, 2023.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in each house. Otherwise, it would take effect 91 days after the last day of the First Called Session, 85th Legislature.

According to the Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of State Health Services, it is assumed that the duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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