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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1526 by King, Phil (Relating to the provision of state death benefits to peace officers employed by certain private institutions of higher education located in this state.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Government Code to provide financial assistance to the survivors of peace officers employed by private institutions of private education or private junior colleges who are killed in the line of duty.

Under provisions of the bill, funding of \$500,000 per claim would be provided, as well as monthly payments to surviving children, however the occurrence and timing of these events are too difficult to predict. Based upon historical experience, the Employees Retirement System estimated two additional deaths would be eligible for financial assistance in the five years following implementation of the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017 and only apply to deaths that occur on or after that date.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 327 Employees Retirement System, 407 Commission on Law Enforcement

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