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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3555** by Swanson (Relating to an innovation grant program for community faith-based programs that collaborate with the Department of Family and Protective Services to improve foster care.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated from provisions of the bill related to the operation of the grant program. However, the fiscal impact of awarding the grants cannot be determined at this time due to the unknown number of potential grantees in the newly created grant program.

The bill would amend the Family Code to require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to establish a grant program to support faith-based community programs collaborating with the agency to improve foster care. The bill would require the program to be administered by the governor. The bill would limit the initial duration of a grant under this program to two years and no more than \$300,000, but does not include any provisions limiting or directing the number of grants awarded or the source of the grant funding. The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Based on the assumption that funding is not diverted from existing programs to fund the related grants, this analysis estimates an indeterminate fiscal impact to the state associated with the implementation of a new grant program due to inadequate available data on the number of potential grantees.

This analysis assumes that administrative costs related to the establishment and operation of this grant program can be absorbed by DFPS and the Office of the Governor within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 300 Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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