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TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1339 by Hinojosa (Relating to the licensing and practice of psychological associates.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code, the Human Resources Code, and the Insurance Code relating to the licensing and practice of psychological associates. The bill would allow certain psychological associates to engage in the practice of psychology without supervision by a psychologist, and would make psychological associates eligible for reimbursement under the medical assistance program.

The Board of Examiners of Psychologists estimates that this may have a positive impact on revenue to the state, however this amount is not expected to be significant.

The Health and Human Services Commission estimates that it would incur one-time technology costs to implement the provisions of the bill. Based on the LBB's analysis of the Health and Human Services Commission, 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: 520 Board of Examiners of Psychologists, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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