

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

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**TO:** Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **SB2150** by Kolkhorst (Relating to the reporting of certain information on maternal mortality to the Department of State Health Services and the confidentiality of that information.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to require the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to allow voluntary and confidential reporting of pregnancy-associated and pregnancy-related deaths by family members and other appropriate individuals associated with a deceased patient. The bill would require DSHS to post the contact information for who the reports are submitted to on the agency's website and conduct outreach to local health organizations on the availability of the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee to review and analyze the deaths.

The bill would allow DSHS to accept gifts and grants to fund the duties of the agency and the review committee. The bill would also require DSHS only to use gifts, grants, or federal funds to reimburse travel or related activities for the review committee.

The agency indicates the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 537 State Health Services, Department of

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