

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Stephanie Klick, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1424 by Oliverson (Relating to a health care provider's right to object to participation in a medical procedure that violates the provider's ethical, moral, or religious beliefs.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Occupations Code Chapter 103 to allow any physician, nurse, staff member or employee of a hospital or other health care facility to object to directly or indirectly performing or participating in any medical procedure on the grounds that the procedure violates their ethical, moral or religious beliefs. The bill would also prohibit a hospital or health care facility from discriminating against an individual who objects to directly or indirectly performing or participating in such a medical procedure.

The Health and Human Services Commission indicates any cost to implement provisions of the bill would be minimal and could be absorbed within available resources. It is assumed any cost for the University of Texas to implement provisions of the bill would be minimal and could be absorbed within available resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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