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TO: Honorable Chris Paddie, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1974 by Canales (Relating to contingent fee contracts for legal services.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to revise the definition of “contingent fee contract” for certain legal services to provide that a “contingent fee contract” includes an amendment to a contingent fee contract if the amendment changes the scope of representation or may result in the filing of a lawsuit or the amending of a petition in an existing lawsuit.

Based on information provided by the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated as a result from implementing the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin

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