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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB842 by Hinojosa (Relating to health benefit coverage for bariatric surgery under the state employees group benefits program.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to make annuitants and certain persons with legislative service or employment who are members of the Employees Retirement System (ERS) eligible for health benefit coverage for bariatric surgery. The coverage would be provided through the Group Benefits Program administered by ERS and must provide a plan that is cost-neutral or cost positive. According to ERS, no significant fiscal impact is anticipated from implementing the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 327 Employees Retirement System, 454 Department of Insurance, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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