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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: SB1581 by Bettencourt (Relating to the establishment of the Texas Health Insurance Mandate Advisory Committee; authorizing a fee.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1581, As Introduced : an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2024	\$0
2025	\$0
2026	\$0
2027	\$0
2028	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Revenue Gain from General Revenue Fund</i>	<i>Probable Revenue (Loss) from General Revenue Fund</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2023</i>
	1	1	
2024	\$508,287	(\$508,287)	5.0
2025	\$1,813,295	(\$1,813,295)	5.0
2026	\$1,812,995	(\$1,812,995)	5.0
2027	\$1,838,435	(\$1,838,435)	5.0
2028	\$1,864,638	(\$1,864,638)	5.0

Fiscal Analysis

This bill would amend the Insurance Code to require the Center for Healthcare Data at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to establish the Texas Health Insurance Mandate Advisory Committee. Additionally, this bill authorizes a fee.

Methodology

This analysis assumes the Department of Insurance will assess a fee on each health benefit plan issuer in the state to cover \$2,321,582 in General Revenue for the 2024-25 biennium as determined by the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to establish, organize, and manage the Texas Health Insurance Mandate Advisory Committee. The advisory committee would include 5.0 Full-Time Equivalents, which consist of 1.0 faculty policy expert, 1.0 project manager, and 3.0 data scientists by the end of fiscal year 2025, as required by the provisions of the bill.

Based on the analysis of the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Department of Insurance, any duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by the agencies utilizing existing resources.

Note: The revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 454 Department of Insurance, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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