

- SUBJECT:** Requiring fiscal impact statements for certain legislation
- COMMITTEE:** State Affairs — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 12 ayes — Paddie, Hernandez, Deshotel, Harless, Howard, Hunter, P. King, Metcalf, Raymond, Shaheen, Slawson, Smithee
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Lucio
- WITNESSES:** For — Jamie Dudensing, Texas Association of Health Plans; Bill Hammond, Texas Employers for Insurance Reform; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Patricia Kolodzey, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas; Annie Spilman, NFIB; Mindy Ellmer, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association; Megan Herring, Texas Association of Business)
- Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Clayton Stewart, Texas Medical Association; Cameron Duncan, Texas Hospital Association)
- BACKGROUND:** Some have called to require a fiscal impact statement be prepared for legislation imposing new health insurance mandates so that the Legislature could be more informed on a bill's potential impacts.
- DIGEST:** HB 2600 would require the Legislative Budget Board to prepare a fiscal impact statement for each bill or joint resolution that required a health benefit plan issuer to provide new health benefits, increase payments to health care providers, or implement new contractual or administrative requirements.
- The statement would have to estimate the effect of the legislation on health benefit plan issuer expenditures and on premiums or costs paid by enrollees.
- The bill would take effect September 1, 2021, and apply only to a bill or joint resolution filed on or after that date.

