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**LB 831** 

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## **FISCAL NOTE**

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT - STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)							
	FY 201	4-15	FY 2015-16				
_	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE			
GENERAL FUNDS							
CASH FUNDS							
FEDERAL FUNDS							
OTHER FUNDS							
TOTAL FUNDS				_			

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 831 designates a new act that will be considered as an unfair trade practice in the business of insurance. The act is to unreasonably delay a request for preapproval of coverage for medical equipment. The bill also provides that health insurance policies issued in the state provide reimbursement for medical equipment costs in the deductible year in which the request for approval of coverage of the medical equipment is received by the insurer.

The bill has no fiscal impact for the state or political subdivisions in terms of increased expenditures. Persons who are determined to have engaged in an unfair trade practice pursuant to the bill by the Director of the Department of Insurance may be fined up to \$1,000 for each violation, not to exceed an aggregate penalty of \$30,000. Penalties for flagrant violations are up to \$15,000 per violation, not to exceed \$150,000 in the aggregate. The number of violations and assessed penalties pursuant to the bill is unknown, but projected to be small. Any revenue received from penalties is deposited in the Permanent School Fund, from which the interest accrues to public schools on an annual basis.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES						
LB: 831	1	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Dept. of Insurance			
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COMMENTS: Agree with the department's estimate of impact.						

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