

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2007-08		FY 2008-09	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	See below	See below	See below	See below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below	See below	See below	See below

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill allows a facility licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act to request an informal conference with an independent peer review organization which the Department of Health and Human Services has contracted. All fees for the informal conference and any associated review conducted by the independent review organization shall be covered by the applicant. The fees would be paid to the department and deposited into the Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure Cash Fund. Under current law, the director is required to assign a representative to hold an informal conference, if one is requested. A provision is added to require the representative to possess experience in ensuring the quality provision of health care and to be licensed in the area in which they will make a conclusion or diagnoses.

This bill adds an additional option for nursing homes, assisted living facilities, health clinics, pharmacies and others entities covered under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act when a notice of disciplinary action has been received. All costs would be covered by the facility receiving the notice. This would increase cash revenue and cash expenditures by the same amount. The amount of cash fund revenues and expenditures would depend on the number of facilities choosing this option and the amount contained in the contract.