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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6678**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1130**

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 15, 2000

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 15, 2000

**SUBJECT:** County Payments for Mentally Ill Persons; Select Joint Committee on Medicaid Oversight.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) *County Payments for Mentally Ill Persons:* This bill requires a local mental health facility to demonstrate that diligent efforts to obtain payment from certain sources for the comfort and care of an individual temporarily placed in the facility pending admission to a state facility have been unsuccessful before a court may order payment from a county's general fund. The bill also limits the amount that may be paid from the county's general fund to the daily rate that would have been paid by the Division of Family and Children if the individual were eligible for assistance from the Division.

*Select Joint Committee on Medicaid Oversight:* This bill also reestablishes the Select Joint Committee on Medicaid Oversight. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Select Joint Committee on Medicaid Oversight.)

**Effective Date:** (Amended) January 1, 2000 (Retroactive); July 1, 2000.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Select Joint Committee on Medicaid Oversight:* This bill reestablishes the Select Joint Committee on Medicaid Oversight effective January 1, 2000. Based on the current legislative per diem and average travel expenses, the cost of a 12-member committee would average about \$1,950 per meeting if all attend. Under current Legislative Council Resolution, interim study committees are allocated \$9,000 per interim. The Legislative Services Agency will staff the committee.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) *County Payments for Mentally Ill Persons:* This bill could reduce the amount counties are required to pay for the care of a mentally ill person placed in a local mental facility pending admission to a state mental health facility. The impact of this bill on county general fund expenditures will be determined by: (1) the number of mentally ill persons requiring temporary care at a local facility; (2) the ability of local mental health facilities to obtain payments from other sources; and (3) the

difference between the daily rate these facilities charge counties and the rate they charge the Division of Family and Children. There were 4,383 civil commitment hearings held statewide in FY1998. The number of these hearings that required temporary placement in a local mental health facility is unknown at this time.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Legislative Services Agency

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties

**Information Sources:** Family and Social Services Administration