

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 55th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB642
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	
Author:	Rep. Grau
Date:	3/17/2015
Impact:	Inspections: Est. \$35,000 p/year
	Health Dept.: Est. \$4,500 – Up p/investigation
	Fine up to \$100,000.00 p/penalty

Research Analysis

Please see previous summary of this measure.

Prepared By: Marcia Goff

Fiscal Analysis

Section 3 of SB642 directs the State Board of Health to perform certain duties. According to officials with the Department of Health, with regard to the “pre-licensure and re-licensure inspections of these facilities, it would cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 for each facility each year.” Currently, there are two such facilities in the state.

Officials were not able to determine the cost to the Board to execute said inspections and added that they would need members on the Board with expertise in this specific area.

Further, according to officials with the Department of Health, “as far as the complaint investigations done by the Department, we would estimate the cost to be a minimum of \$4,500 per complaint and could run into the tens of thousands of dollars very easily.”

SB642 also establishes a civil penalty or fine up to \$100,000.00 for violating the provisions set forth.

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Other Considerations

Officials with the OSBI added: “Without knowing the number of occurrences a definitive impact analysis is not possible. But we believe such cases would probably be few and the fiscal and operational impact would be minimal. It should not require additional general revenue appropriations or FTE. Our laboratory should have the staffing and capacity to handle this workload. But new or amended administrative rules would have to be promulgated under the Administrative Procedures Act.”