



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

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LRB Number <b>05-3240/2</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-907</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Requiring a contract with a data organization for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of health care claims information; eliminating the Board on Health Care Information, the Interagency Coordinating Council, and the Independent Review Board; and making appropriations		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Under current law, the Department must collect, analyze, and disseminate health care information from health care providers other than hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. The Department's activities in fulfilling these requirements are funded from assessments to health care providers (other than hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers) and from some fees for data work done under contract.

This bill authorizes the Department and the Department of Employee Trust Funds (DETF) to contract jointly with a data organization to collect, analyze, and publicly report certain health care claims information from insurers and administrators. The entity with which the Department contracts is also authorized to develop a centralized data repository and to provide the data to the Department without charge. Provision is made in the bill for the Department's assuming this data collection responsibility once again if the data organization's performance is deemed unacceptable.

The Department's revenues and expenditures will not change under this bill. The Department will continue to collect assessments from health care professionals. However, since the revenues will be redirected to a contract with a private entity for the development of this data, there will be a workload reduction of 5.83 FTE as a result of this bill.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**