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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, if a birth mother is married at any time from conception to the birth of a child, then her husband's name is entered on the birth certificate as the legal father of the child.

AB 337 recognizes same-sex marriage by making spousal references in the statues gender neutral. This includes changing birth certificate statutes to reference "spouse" and "parent" rather than "husband" and "father." Additionally, the bill specifies that, in the instance that a second parent's name is initially omitted from the birth certificate, the state registrar should prescribe a form by which a married couple presumed to be the natural parents of a child can acknowledge the parentage, after which the state registrar must enter the name of the birth mother's spouse as a parent on the birth certificate.

In order to create and amend the forms as directed in this bill, the Department of Health Services estimates a one-time cost of \$350,712 PR to update approximately 38 forms to include gender neutral language and configure and test the necessary system changes, such as re-configuring field labels and developing amendment annotations. An additional \$3,024 PR is needed to compile reports as well as \$5,292 PR to cover the costs of training and education. In sum, these activities will result in a one-time cost of \$359,028 PR.

The Department does not anticipate a fiscal impact on local health departments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications