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TO: Honorable Joe Driver, Chair, House Committee on Law Enforcement

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB253 by Smith, Todd (Relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety and certain local law enforcement agencies to establish a checkpoint on a highway or street to determine whether persons are driving while intoxicated.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would authorize the Department of Public Safety, a county sheriff's office, certain county constable offices, or a municipal police department to operate a temporary sobriety checkpoint on a highway or street. The parameters for establishing, operating, and keeping records of the checkpoint(s) are included in the bill.

Although the Department of Public Safety indicates that because of the permissive nature of the bill, there would be no fiscal impact to the agency or the state, it is anticipated that an agency (state or local) would establish and operate sobriety checkpoints only if the agency has sufficient budget and/or grant funds for the operation; therefore, no significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety

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