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**TO:** Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

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

**IN RE: SB1787** by Carona (Relating to authorizing the Department of Public Safety to contract to provide certain fingerprint information.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB1787, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2008	\$0
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from STATE HIGHWAY FUND 6</b>	<b>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2007</b>
2008	(\$5,840,764)	112.0
2009	(\$3,521,979)	112.0
2010	(\$3,525,784)	112.0
2011	(\$4,039,539)	112.0
2012	(\$4,039,539)	112.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Transportation Code which allows the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to contract with a private or governmental entity to provide fingerprint information from the DPS driver license and personal identification certificate records. Under the provision of the bill, DPS would be allowed to collect a fee for providing information under the contract.

The bill would take effect immediately if a two-thirds majority vote in both houses of the Legislature is received. Otherwise, the bill would take effect on September 1, 2007.

## Methodology

The bill would amend the Transportation Code which allows DPS to contract with a private or governmental entity to provide fingerprint information from the DPS driver license and personal identification certificate records. Under the provision of the bill, DPS would be allowed to collect a fee for providing information under the contract. Currently, DPS collects thumbprints from individuals submitting applications for a driver's license or identification cards. Assuming the intent of the bill is to allow DPS to enter into contracts to provide individuals full set of fingerprints, DPS would be required to make modifications to its Driver License System to accommodate the collection and temporarily storage of fingerprints. This analysis assumes that potential fee collected by DPS could offset some of the operating costs of providing the new service, but the amount of estimated revenue collected is not known at this time.

DPS estimates it would require 112 additional employees (108 administrative assistants for driver license offices, one administrative assistant for the Customer Service Bureau, one program specialist, and two systems analysts) to comply with the provision of the bill. DPS reports it issued 5,102,418 driver licenses and 766,646 identification cards in fiscal year 2006. DPS estimates it will take 2 additional minutes per applicant to comply with the provision of the bill. DPS reports there are 108,750 working minutes in a year. To estimate the number of additional full-time administrative assistants needed for the driver license offices, the number of cards issued was multiplied by the number of additional minutes needed and then divided by the number of working minutes in a year  $((5,102,418 + 766,646) \times 2 \text{ minutes}) / 108,750 \text{ minutes in a working year}$ . The number of additional full-time administrative assistants needed for the customer service bureau was estimated based on a 25 percent increase in telephone calls and email contacts as a result of complying with the provision of the bill. DPS reports it will need one additional program specialist to manage procurements and contracts from private and governmental entities and two systems analysts to comply with the provision of the bill.

The total estimated cost for these additional responsibilities including salaries, benefits, equipment, professional services, and other operating costs would equal \$5,840,764 in fiscal year 2008, \$3,521,979 in fiscal year 2009, \$3,525,784 in fiscal year 2010, \$4,039,539 in fiscal year 2011, and \$4,039,539 in fiscal year 2012.

Under the provisions of the bill, DPS would be allowed to collect a fee for providing information under contract.

## Technology

The technology costs for fiscal year 2008 include \$2,551,770 for programming services, additional issuance lanes and lane equipment, and additional data storage. The technology cost for future fiscal years is \$91,152 (\$22,788 for each fiscal year 2009 through 2012) for the enterprise agreement.

## 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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