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TO: Honorable Tommy Merritt, Chair, House Committee on Public Safety

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

IN RE: HB453 by Gonzalez Toureilles (Relating to the use of auction proceeds from the sale of abandoned motor vehicles, watercraft, or outboard motors to compensate certain property owners.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to allow a law enforcement agency to use funds from proceeds gained from the sale of abandoned vehicles, watercraft, or outboard motors for compensating property owners whose property was damaged as a result of a pursuit involving the law enforcement agency, regardless if the agency would be liable under Chapter 101, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

If a law enforcement agency has any funds accumulated from the sale of abandoned vehicles, watercraft, or outboard motors from which to draw for the purpose identified in the bill, the agency would experience a savings to its general budget by having this alternate funding source. The amount of savings would depend on the cost of the damages and on how much is available in the alternate fund source.

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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