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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: HB1091 by Parker (Relating to requiring that a driver's license, personal identification certificate, commercial driver's license, and commercial driver learner's permit issued by the Department of Public Safety to a registered sex offender state that the holder is a registered sex offender.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1091, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$28,666 through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

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:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2010	\$14,333
2011	\$14,333
2012	\$14,333
2013	\$14,333
2014	\$14,333

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from General Revenue Fund 1
2010	\$14,333
2011	\$14,333
2012	\$14,333
2013	\$14,333
2014	\$14,333

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require that a driver's license, personal identification certificate, commercial driver's license and commercial driver learner's permit issued by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to a person registered under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure state that the holder is a registered sex offender. The bill would authorize DPS to charge a fee to persons whose license would require the additional information. The bill would take effect September 1, 2009 and apply only to licenses and identification certificates issued or renewed on or after the effective date.

Methodology

The bill would require modification to add a new field to the driver license system and associated programs to add a new field to recognize registered sex offender (RSO) records. Additionally, the card production system would require modifications to recognize and print the RSO designation on the back of the card. This analysis assumes that implementing the provisions of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current agency resources without causing a significant fiscal impact.

The bill would allow DPS to collect an additional fee to implement the requirements. There are currently 62,000 registered sex offenders, of which 43,000 meet the requirements indicated by the bill. DPS indicates that it would add \$2.00 to the current \$20.00 registrant fee. The additional fee would generate approximately \$14,333 annually (\$2.00 fee x 43,000 registrants divided by 6 years).

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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