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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: SB374 by Carona (Relating to the power of a county to enforce compliance with speed limits by an automated traffic control system.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code by prohibiting a county from implementing or operating an automated traffic control system to enforce speed limits on a highway or street under its jurisdiction. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) would be responsible for enforcing this prohibition. The bill would take effect immediately if it were to receive the required two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2009.

The OAG anticipates that any legal work resulting from passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed with current resources.

Local Government Impact

If a county does not currently use an automated traffic control system to enforce speed limits, there would be no fiscal implications. If a county has already implemented an automated traffic control system to enforce speed limits, there would be costs associated with removing the system and with increasing the use of law enforcement officers to enforce speed limits. There could also be revenue loss from a reduction in catching violators.

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