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TO: Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3199 by Gonzales, Larry (Relating to the issuance of driver's licenses and personal identification certificates, including the use of electronically readable information; authorizing a fee.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3199, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2015.

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
2014	\$0
2015	\$0
2016	\$0
2017	\$0
2018	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>State Highway Fund</i> 6	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>State Highway Fund</i> 6
2014	(\$130,759)	\$130,759
2015	(\$1,251,919)	\$1,251,919
2016	(\$1,635,178)	\$1,635,178
2017	(\$1,635,178)	\$1,635,178
2018	(\$1,635,178)	\$1,635,178

Fiscal Year	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2013
2014	0.0
2015	9.4
2016	18.8
2017	18.8
2018	18.8

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to issue secure driver's licenses and personal identification certificates that incorporate a certain type of integrated circuit chip. DPS would be authorized to set an issuance fee sufficient to implement and administer the production of the secure driver's licenses and personal identification certificates.

The bill would also require DPS to establish a task force to develop an implementation plan for this bill's provisions that would seek input from other state agencies, legislative members, and industry. The bill would stipulate the task force would begin operating by September 1, 2013, and would issue a final implementation plan by September 1, 2014. The bill would require DPS to begin issuing secure driver's licenses no later than June 1, 2015.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Methodology

The bill would entail cost to the Department of Public Safety (DPS). However, the bill also provides DPS with the authority to charge fees sufficient to recover the costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill. This fiscal note assumes the fee revenues would offset agency costs in implementing the bill.

It is assumed the agency's information technology division would use contractors for 5,192 hours at a cost of \$561,148 in fiscal years 2014 and 2015. These contractors would be used for the required task force, plan development and solution building. Specific contractor activities include business analysis, development analysis, quality assurance, database administration, security analysis and project management.

The agency states it would require additional staff to process the increased number of fingerprint transactions. The agency is estimating an increase in the number of transactions at 1,000 per day. The agency notes one Fingerprint Technician can handle 40 such transactions per day, and would require 25 additional Fingerprint Technician positions (25 technicians * 40 transaction/day = 1,000 transaction/day). Starting in fiscal year 2015, the agency would require 14.1 Fingerprint Technicians positions to process the additional fingerprinting transactions and 1.6 Program Specialists positions to support the secure driver license/identification card program. From fiscal year 2016 onward the agency would require 25.0 Fingerprint Specialist positions and 3.1 Program Specialist positions.

Technology

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Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety

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