

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 29, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1481** by Murphy (relating to prohibiting the operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities; creating a criminal offense.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p><b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Government Code to create an offense of intentionally operating an unmanned aircraft over a critical facility, allowing an unmanned aircraft to make contact with a critical facility, or allowing an unmanned aircraft to go within close enough distance of an critical facility that is close enough to interfere with the operations of or cause a disturbance to the facility. The bill provides exceptions and definitions. The offense is a Class B misdemeanor. The offense is a Class A misdemeanor if the individual has been convicted of previous offenses previously.

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both.

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both.

**Local Government Impact**

Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

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