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TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB2138 by Lucio (Relating to the establishment of a pilot program for the issuance of digital driver's licenses.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB2138, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$2,362,181) through the biennium ending August 31, 2019.

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
2018	(\$1,470,647)
2019	(\$891,534)
2020	(\$891,534)
2021	(\$891,534)
2022	(\$891,534)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2017
2018	(\$1,470,647)	3.0
2019	(\$891,534)	3.0
2020	(\$891,534)	3.0
2021	(\$891,534)	3.0
2022	(\$891,534)	3.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to authorize the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to establish a pilot program for the issuance of digital driver's licenses in Cameron County in a manner defined by the bill. The bill would require DPS to submit a report on the results of the pilot program to the Public Safety Commission and the legislature by no later than December 1, 2018.

The bill would take effect immediately upon a two-thirds vote of all the members of both chambers; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Methodology

It is assumed implementing the provisions of the bill would require additional resources for the Department of Public Safety (DPS). This fiscal note assumes the additional funding would be out of the General Revenue Fund.

It is assumed DPS would require \$1,470,647 and 3.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2018, and \$891,534 and 3.0 FTEs in each fiscal year thereafter.

It is assumed \$355,214 would be required to fund the following additional FTEs in each fiscal year to implement the provisions of the bill: two Programmer V positions (\$166,596) and one Project Manager IV position (\$93,406). Additional funding would also be required for associated benefits (\$95,212), consumables (\$5,829), and miscellaneous operating expenses (\$9,724).

Programming costs are estimated to total \$1,099,880 for staff augmentation to perform 10,291 hours of programming support for development, security, networking, and project management. These IT contractor expenses would be incurred in fiscal year 2018 only.

Technology

Programming costs are estimated to total \$1,099,880 for staff augmentation to perform 9,401 hours of programming support for development, security, networking, and project management. These IT contractor expenses would be incurred in fiscal year 2018 only.

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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