COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 1533-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: SB 341

Subject: Water Patrol; Boats and Watercraft

<u>Type</u>: Original

Date: February 19, 2007

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies watercraft law with respect to personal floatation

devices, use of lights, approaching emergency vehicles and other issues.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

 $[\]square$ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

[□] Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Water Patrol** assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume the proposal would not fiscally impact the courts.

Officials from the **Office of the State Public Defender (SPD)** state they cannot assume existing staff will provide competent, effective representation for any new cases arising where indigent persons are charged with the proposed new crime of breaking watercraft law with respect to personal floatation devices, use of lights, approaching emergency vehicles and other issues. While the number of new cases may be too few or uncertain to request additional funding for this specific bill, the Office of State Public Defender will continue to request sufficient appropriations to provide competent and effective representation is all its cases.

In response to a similar proposal from this year (HB 658), the SPD assumed the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services (OPS)** did not respond to our request for fiscal impact. In response to a similar proposal from 2006 (SB 1036), the OPS assumed the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of the State Public Defender

NOT RESPONDING: Office of Prosecution Services

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