

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB606

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Saxman

3. **Committee** S Committee on Transportation

4. **Title** Speeding; prepayment of fines.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Persons given traffic tickets for speeding can elect not to contest in person the ticket in court and pay the fine by mail. The Supreme Court has adopted a Traffic Infractions Uniform Fine Schedule under which the fine for speeding violations is three dollars per mile over the speed limit. This bill would require that the fine be at least five dollars per mile over the speed limit.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary

Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03	\$4,704,700	0	Literary Fund
2003-04	\$4,704,700	0	Literary Fund

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal implications:** According to the Supreme Court, during the last calendar year \$12.8 million in fines were collected for prepaid violations of 46.2 - 870 and parallel local ordinances. For the purpose of this analysis, if the number of violators and the percentage choosing to prepay remains constant, this legislation would result in an additional \$4.7 million to the Literary Fund, into which state fines are deposited, and an additional \$3.9 million to localities with parallel ordinances. (Supreme Court studies have indicated that 55 percent of traffic fines collected are for state violations and 45 percent are for local violations.)

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** The court system.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** None

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