

Department of Planning and Budget

2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 1693

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

2. Patron Albo

3. Committee Passed both houses

4. Title Driving under the influence

5. Summary/Purpose:

The current law sets out procedures to be used for determining the blood alcohol level on blood samples taken from persons suspected of driving while intoxicated. The proposed legislation would allow the use of any other chemical test performed on whole blood.

6. Fiscal Impact estimate: Final. See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: None.

8. Fiscal implications:

Several studies have indicated that the ethanol content in certain components of blood can be higher than when it is tested using whole blood. The Department of Forensic Science indicates that it uses whole blood to perform blood analysis for DUI cases. Therefore, it is not expected that the proposed legislation would have any effect on the number of people confined in jail or prison.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: None.

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: None.

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