

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1806

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Garrett

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Manufacture of methamphetamine

5. Summary:

Under current law, possession of two or more specifically listed substances with the intention to manufacture methamphetamine is a Class 6 felony. The proposed legislation would add "ammonium nitrate" to the list and would change "lithium metal" in the list to "lithium".

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact: Final. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

According to the Department of Forensic Science, the proposed legislation would simplify the testing of materials submitted as evidence in a methamphetamine manufacture case, but would not likely lead to additional convictions. Ammonium nitrate frequently occurs alongside the substances currently prohibited and is simpler and quicker to detect. Lithium, whether as a "salt" or "metal" is frequently used in the manufacture of methamphetamine and the presence of lithium indicates that lithium metal was present at some point in the chemical reaction. Therefore, the proposal is not expected to increase the number of convictions and result in additional persons in prison or jail, but it will enable the department to test evidence more quickly.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Forensic Science

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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