

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB625

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

2. Patron: Watts

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act; statements of economic interests.

5. Summary: Removes the exception from disclosure of gifts from a personal friend of the filer. The bill also includes the immediate family members of the officer or employee under the prohibition against accepting gifts for services performed within the scope of or that reasonably tend to influence the officer or employee in the performance of his duties. In addition, the bill (i) limits any payment for or reimbursement for actual travel, lodging, or subsistence expenses incurred in connection with such appearance, speech, or article to the per diem deduction allowable under § 162 of the Internal Revenue Code and (ii) provides for a mandatory fine of \$2,500 for certain violations.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of the bill are not expected to create a cost to the state and local government.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State and Local Government.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: House Bill No. 625 is similar to House Bill Nos. 537 and 746, and Senate Bill Nos. 44, 218, 274 and 410.