

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB506

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:**     Hodges

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:**        Littering.

**5. Summary:** Current law makes littering a misdemeanor punishable by a jail sentencing up to 12 months. The proposed legislation would provide that littering in an amount of no more than 0.7 cubic feet would not be subject to a misdemeanor punishable by a jail sentencing, but rather be a fine of \$50 and applicable court costs, charged in lieu of appearance in court, to the clerk of the court having jurisdiction over such offense.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Because the proposed legislation would exempt anyone convicted of littering in the amount of less than 0.7 cubic feet from the possibility of a jail sentence, it is probable that the proposed legislation could lead to fewer persons held in jails. However, there is insufficient data available to project any possible savings to the state.

Currently, there is insufficient information available to reliably estimate how much additional revenue could result from this proposed legislation, due to a potential increase in fines paid. However, any fines collected under these provisions would be deposited into the Literary Fund.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Counties, cities and towns, local and regional jails.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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