

**Department of Planning and Budget
2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 1525

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

2. Patron: Yancey

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Distracted driving

5. Summary:

Currently, it is a traffic infraction to text or read e-mail while driving. A first offense is punishable by a fine of \$125; for a second or subsequent offense, \$250. The proposed legislation would make any violation of the prohibition while driving in a highway work zone punishable by a mandatory fine of \$250.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications:

The bill imposes a mandatory fine of \$250 for using a handheld personal communications device for reading emails or texting while operating a motor vehicle in a highway work zone. All revenue from traffic fines is deposited into the Literary Fund; however, the amount of additional revenue resulting from the proposed legislation that would be deposited into the Literary Fund cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Transportation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.