

Department of Planning and Budget

2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 543

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	___	Substitute	___	Engrossed
Second House	___	In Committee	___	Substitute	___	Enrolled

2. Patron: Marshall, D.W.

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Use of inmates to maintain highway medians

5. Summary:

Current law authorizes the use of inmates in state correctional institutions in constructing and maintaining the state highway system. The proposed legislation would explicitly authorize the use of inmates in the maintenance of medians and other nontraveled portions of highways.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact. See Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

8. Fiscal Implications:

This proposal would not have any fiscal impact. Inmates are currently used in all aspects of highway maintenance, including mowing, picking up trash, and other maintenance activities in medians and other highway rights-of-way. These activities are carried out in those areas of the state in which correctional field units, which house low-security inmates, are located and under agreements reached with the Department of Transportation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.