

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 643

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: W. Roscoe Reynolds

3. Committee: Senate Courts of Justice

4. Title: **Discretion of law-enforcement officer to arrest or issue summons for a jailable offense.**

5. Summary: This bill gives a law-enforcement officer discretion to arrest or to issue a summons to a person in his custody for having committed a Class 1 or 2 misdemeanor. Currently, the officer must issue a summons unless the person refuses to cease his criminal activity, is a danger to himself or others, or indicates he will disregard a summons.

6. No Fiscal Impact; Final

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No, see Item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: Although this bill gives more discretion to law enforcement, it is not possible to estimate the impact on their time. No fiscal impact is anticipated.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

State agencies and localities with law enforcement officers having this authority

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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