

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1768

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

**2. Patron:** Mason

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Use of handheld personal communications devices; highway work zones; penalty.

**5. Summary:** Prohibits any person while driving a moving motor vehicle in a highway work zone from holding a handheld personnel communications device in their hand. The bill provides that a violation is a mandatory \$250 fine. Defines “highway work zone” as a construction or maintenance area that is located on or beside a highway and is marked by appropriate warning signs with attached flashing lights or other traffic control devices indicating that work is in progress. Current law prohibits only the reading of an email or text message on the device and manually entering letters or text in the device as a means of communicating, with the same exceptions, and a mandatory fine of \$250.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Implementation of this bill’s provisions would likely result in more individuals being fined for improper use of handheld personal communication devices. All such fines are deposited in the state’s Literary Fund. At this time, it is not feasible to determine the likely increase in revenue that would be deposited to the Literary Fund as a result of the provisions of this legislation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Law enforcement agencies

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None