

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB978

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Marsden

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Keeper of vehicles; liens; certain towing and recovery drivers and operators

5. Summary: This bill expands a keeper of vehicle's lien in the case of a tow truck driver or towing and recovery operator furnishing services to a truck, tractor truck, or combination of vehicles, including those that are rented or leased, to apply to any power unit, tractor, trailer, or semitrailer in the combination, along with any cargo carried by such vehicle. The bill authorizes the sale of other property subject to such lien for the enforcement and relinquishment of such lien. The bill also adds tow truck drivers and towing and recovery operators furnishing services involving cleanup related to vehicle collisions to the definition of "keeper of vehicles."

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Implementing this legislation would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to record information about cargo, including liens on cargo, which it currently does not do. This would require some programming changes and updates to procedures, though it is anticipated that the agency will be able to implement these changes using existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Motor Vehicles.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.