

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: 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. The bill clarifies that a keeper of vehicles lien does not extend to cargo, extends the duty of a keeper of vehicles to allow retrieval to permit the vehicle or cargo owner to access the vehicle to retrieve their cargo, and allows the keeper of vehicles to dispose of unclaimed cargo. 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: A state fiscal impact is not anticipated from the implementation of this legislation.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.