

SF3063 - 0 - Snowmobile and Off-Highway Vehicle Penalties

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

HF2819-0 would allow conservation officers and other licensed peace officers to issue civil penalties for violations of certain snowmobile provisions and establish civil citation authority for violations of the state’s recreational trespass law committed by those operating a snowmobile or off-highway vehicle (OHV).

Civil penalty fine amounts would be increased for violations already established in law: \$250 for first offense (currently \$100); \$500 for second offense (currently \$200); and \$1,000 for third and subsequent offenses (currently \$500).

The bill also allocates civil penalty fines collected for incidents which involve a snowmobiles to be deposited in the snowmobile trails and enforcement account.

Assumptions

The bill does not create any additional workload or other expenditures by the state or local law enforcement agencies. It gives an officer who has already detected a violation, described in law, the option to issue a civil citation.

Civil citations are rarely issued by officers under the existing OHV authority. In fact, no civil citations have been issued in the past 3 calendar years.

The addition of snowmobiles, its application to the recreational trespass law for OHVs & snowmobiles, and increased penalty amounts will increase revenue into the respective accounts. However, the dollar amounts collected may be negligible compared to the overall account balances.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

none

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

none

Local Fiscal Impact

none

References/Sources

none

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