

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 173** HLS 24RS 561

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Approaching an LEO Engaged in Law Enforcement Duties		

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Creates the crime of approaching a law enforcement officer lawfully engaged in law enforcement duties

Proposed law adds the crime of approaching a law enforcement officer and prohibits any person from knowingly or intentionally approaching (within twenty-five (25) feet) a law enforcement officer (LEO) engaged in the execution of his official duties after the LEO has ordered the person to stop approaching or retreat; assesses the penalty for the violation of approaching a law enforcement officer as imprisonment for no more than 60 days, or a fine of not more than \$500 dollars, or both; makes as an affirmative defense the defendant's ability to establish that the lawful order or command was neither received nor understood by the defendant nor capable of being received or understood under the conditions and circumstances that existed at the time of the issuance of the order; defines law enforcement officer as any commissioned police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, correctional officer, probation and parole officer, constable, wildlife enforcement agent, livestock brand inspector, forestry officer or state park warden.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION
Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures for local governing authorities if a person is convicted of knowingly or intentionally approaching (within twenty-five (25) feet) a law enforcement officer (LEO) engaged in the execution of his official duties after the LEO has ordered the person to stop approaching or retreat. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it creates a new crime, and it is not known how many people will be convicted, incarceration in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. The maximum imprisonment term is 60 days (a misdemeanor).

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental expenditures as a result of this measure because this legislation creates a misdemeanor offense; therefore, these offenders are not sentenced to Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C).

REVENUE EXPLANATION
Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of potential fines for approaching (within twenty-five (25) feet) a law enforcement officer (LEO) engaged in the execution of his official duties after the LEO has ordered the person to stop approaching or retreat. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable because the fines that would be imposed on those convicted are optional, and the amount of the fines, if imposed, may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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