



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 96** HLS 26RS 538
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Penalties for Drag Racing and Racing on Public Roads	

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 Provides relative to penalties for drag racing and racing on public roads

Current law authorizes law enforcement agencies to impound a car used in drag racing for up to 14 days. Proposed law amends current law by requiring law enforcement agencies to impound a car used in drag racing for at least 30 days.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION
 There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION
Proposed law will result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds revenues for law enforcement agencies that store vehicles that are impounded because of drag racing. The proposed law seeks to increase the number of days that law enforcement agencies are required to impound a car used in drag racing from up to 14 days to no less than 30 days. In FY 27, the daily rate for storage for impounded vehicles will be \$34 per day. Local law enforcement will likely experience a minimum increase of \$545 per vehicle in fees collected for impoundment, attributable to the difference in the current maximum of \$476 per offense (\$34 per day x 14 days) to the proposed minimum of \$1,020 per offense (\$34 per day x 30 days). The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of vehicles that will be impounded by law enforcement agencies with enactment of the proposed law.

Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable, yet nominal increase in Statutory Dedication revenues in the Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Dedicated Fund in the Public Service Commission, to the extent that those fees collected by private towing agencies for impoundment are subject to quarterly utility and carrier inspection and supervision fees. All utility and common carriers regulated by the Public Service Commission pay a quarterly Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Fee based on their gross receipts pursuant to R.S. 45:1177.

To the extent that vehicles are impounded and stored in a private tow company's storage yard, gross receipts may increase, depending upon the dollar value of quarterly gross receipts generated by the tow companies. The fee that is paid by each company ranges from \$5.01 per \$1,000 for the first \$100,000 or less of gross receipts to \$0.71 per \$1,000 of gross receipts in excess of \$100 million, and in no case is less than \$80 dollars annually (La. R.S. 45:1177 (2)(a) through (2)(k) and (3)). The exact fiscal impact to the Public Service Commission is indeterminable, as it is unknown the degree to which gross receipts may be impacted in private tow companies that will collect any additional fees from vehicles impounded and stored for drag racing, or the amount of revenue that may be attributable specifically to vehicles impounded for drag racing.

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