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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S.0084
 Author: Massey
 Requestor: Senate Judiciary
 Date: March 17, 2015
 Subject: Reckless vehicular homicide
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

| | FY 2015-16 | FY 2016-17 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| State Expenditure | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | N/A |
| Other and Federal | \$0 | N/A |
| Full-Time Equivalent Position(s) | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| State Revenue | | |
| General Fund | N/A | N/A |
| Other and Federal | N/A | N/A |
| Local Expenditure | N/A | N/A |
| Local Revenue | N/A | N/A |

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have minimal impact on the General Fund, and no impact on Federal or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill increases the penalties for reckless vehicular homicide and creates the new criminal offense of felony reckless driving.

Judicial Department. The increase in penalties for reckless vehicular homicide are expected to have minimal impact, if any, on the General Fund. The new offense of felony reckless driving would be heard in General Sessions court. During fiscal year 2013-2014, there were 149 cases and 85 convictions for the charge of reckless driving. There are no data available which would allow the Judicial Department to determine how many of the reckless driving charges would have been considered felony reckless driving under the proposed legislation, and there are no data available to determine how many additional hearings or trials, if any, would be held as a result of the new offense. However, if any additional hearing or trials would be held as a result of this legislation, it is anticipated that the Judicial Department would absorb this cost. It is also anticipated that the passage of the bill could impact the General Sessions court dockets due to additional hearings and trials. There would be no impact on Federal or Other Funds.

Department of Motor Vehicles. The Department of Motor Vehicles reported that there would be no additional expenditures or savings in the General Fund, Federal, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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