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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0593 Amended by the Senate on March 26, 2019  
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**Subject:** Commercial Ad Benches  
**Requestor:** Senate Transportation  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Griffith  
**Impact Date:** April 23, 2019

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Transportation (DOT), the House of Representatives, or the Senate because any expenditure related to the mileage, subsistence, and per diem of the Mass Transit Feasibility Study Committee will be managed within each agency's existing appropriations.

This bill will have no revenue impact on DOT because it does not operationally or fiscally impact the agency. The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office anticipates there will be no impact to counties or municipalities because, based on the responses received, the local governments either have no transit systems, or they do not collect any revenue for commercial advertisements at transportation stops.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Amended by the Senate on March 26, 2019**

#### **State Expenditure**

This bill creates the Mass Transit Feasibility Study Committee, which must be comprised of staff of DOT, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. Members will not be compensated, but they are allowed the mileage, subsistence, and per diem allowed by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions. Pursuant to Provisos 117.19 and 117.20 of the FY 2018-19 Appropriations Act, the per diem allowance of a committee is \$35 per day, and the members are allowed reimbursement for actual expenses incurred.

DOT, the House of Representatives, and the Senate all indicate that any expenditure related to the mileage, subsistence, and per diem of the committee will be managed within their existing appropriations.

#### **State Revenue**

This bill removes the expiration date on permits issued for commercial advertisements on benches at a regional or public transportation stop. DOT indicates that while it collects revenue for advertisements on shelters at transportation stops, counties and municipalities have the authority to collect revenue for the benches. Therefore, there is no revenue impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

#### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

## **Local Revenue**

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted all county governments and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) regarding the revenue impact of this bill. We received responses from six county governments and four municipal governments.

Clarendon and Lancaster Counties and the Towns of Easley and Lexington all reported that they have no transit system; therefore, there is no impact to them.

The City of Greenwood, Charleston County, Florence County, and Georgetown County all indicated that they have transit systems, but they do not collect any revenue from advertisements on benches at transit stops.

Horry County and the City of Greenville both have transit systems, but Horry County does not operate the system in their county, and the City of Greenville does not contract for advertisements at transportation stops in the system.

Based on this survey, we estimate that there will be no revenue impact to county and municipal governments.



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