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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 4601	Introduced on January 9, 2024
Author:	Forrest	
Subject:	Transportation of Farm Products, Exceptions	
Requestor:	House Education and Public Works	
RFA Analyst(s):	Griffith	
Impact Date:	March 13, 2024	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill relates to the requirement that loads and covers must be firmly attached to a vehicle that is driven or moved on any public highway. The bill shifts language from one code section to another to provide that the transportation of certain farm products and materials is exempt from the requirements and any violations that could result from the escape of such products and materials. There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) because the bill does not operationally or fiscally impact the agency.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on Judicial since Judicial anticipates that any decrease in court caseloads due to the exemption of certain farm products and materials from the violation will be minimal.

As this bill creates an exemption to a current offense, this may result in a decrease of General Fund, Other Funds, and local fine revenue. However, as the number of such offenses and the resulting fines and fees that might occur in a given year are unknown, the revenue impact is undetermined.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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Department of Motor Vehicles. DMV reports that the bill will have no expenditure impact because it does not operationally or fiscally impact the agency.

Judicial. Judicial anticipates that any decrease in court caseloads due to the exemption of certain farm products and materials from the violation will be minimal. Therefore, we anticipate this bill will have no expenditure impact on Judicial.

State Revenue

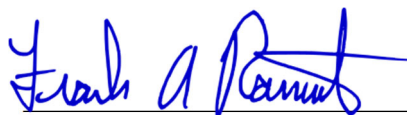
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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

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