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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 4706 Introduced on January 13, 2026
Subject: Racing Facility
Requestor: House Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Welsh
Impact Date: March 31, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

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Judicial anticipates this bill may result in a change to the number of civil cases, which may impact the workload of the court system and downstream expenses such as court interpreting. Judicial anticipates any increase to expenses will be initially managed within existing appropriations. However, Judicial indicated that if an increase in caseload and corresponding downstream expenses is significant, it will request additional General Fund appropriations.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted all counties in the state and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) to determine the potential expenditure impact this bill may have for local governments. Responses received from Charleston County, Lancaster County, and MASC indicate the local expenditure impact to these counties and municipalities is expected to be minimal and managed within current resources.

This bill may result in a change to the number of local court cases, which may change the workload of the court system. Any potential increase in expenses will depend upon the increase in the number of cases. Judicial anticipates that a potential increase in caseload can be managed within existing appropriations.

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