

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-2810/2	Introduction Number	AB-0330	Estimate Type	Original
Description Prohibiting the Department of Transportation from installing certain equipment on highways					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The use of overhead message signs, traffic cameras and ramp gates are not mandated. The department installs the devices based on recommendations and guidance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the US Department of Transportation. These devices provide beneficial information for motorists planning their routes, and for first responders managing incidents resulting from crashes and severe weather.

- Overhead signs - \$180,000 to \$190,000 (\$75,000 hardware; \$105,000 to \$125,000 installation).
- Traffic cameras - \$55,000 (includes cost of camera, camera pole and base, underground infrastructure, communication link(s) and power service).
- Ramp gates - \$12,000 to \$15,000 (based upon the gate arm length).

The installation of these items is paid as a highway maintenance expense. If installation of these items is prohibited, the department would spend this money on other highway maintenance activities.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.