



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

**DOT 3/20/2013**

LRB Number <b>13-1489/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>SB-057</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Requiring persons accused of violating traffic laws and ordinances related to driving while intoxicated to appear in person in court		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

**BILL SUMMARY**

This bill would require a mandatory court appearance for persons found in violation of operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant.

**ASSUMPTIONS**

This bill was introduced to require persons charged with first offense OWI to appear in the convicting court in person to enter a plea of guilty, no contest, or not guilty. The proposal would have no fiscal impact on the Department. Currently, arrests for a second or subsequent offense of operating while intoxicated (OWI) are crimes that require a personal appearance in court. This bill would also require first time OWI offenders to make a personal appearance in court. In 2011, there were 21,234 arrests for first time OWI.

The fiscal impact would occur within the circuit and municipal courts.

**CONCLUSIONS**

There is no fiscal impact upon the Department of Transportation.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

None.