

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-3910/2	Introduction Number	AB-0670	Estimate Type	Original
Description Operation of drones over state correctional institutions, the authority of political subdivisions to designate areas over which the operation of drones is limited, and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under this bill, the operation of drones over a state correctional institution would be prohibited. Any person who violates this prohibition may be required to forfeit not more than \$5,000. The bill requires a law enforcement officer, who is investigating an alleged violation of this prohibition, to seize and transfer to the Department of Corrections any visual representation or data, representing a visual image, that was created or recorded by a drone during the alleged violation.

This bill also authorizes a city, village, town, or county (political subdivision) to enact an ordinance designating an area within its jurisdiction as an area over which the operation of a drone is limited, in addition to imposing limitations on the operation of drones over that area. This local ordinance would not apply to the operation of a drone by the state, an agency of the state, or a public safety agency, in addition to not applying to the operation of a drone with the consent of the owner of the property over which the drone is operated. Under the bill, a political subdivision may provide a forfeiture of not more than \$2,500 for each violation of a drone operation ordinance.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact on DOT from this bill. Some additional contacts to DOT's Bureau of Aeronautics, relating to drone operation ordinances, may be generated as a result of this bill. However, any associated costs would be negligible.

For local governments, if a political subdivision decides to enact an ordinance related to drone operation, as permitted under the bill, any costs associated with the creation of that ordinance would be incurred by the local unit of government. Due to certain unknown factors, the exact impact of this bill on local governments cannot be determined at this time. However, any associated costs are expected to be minimal.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Minimal increase in costs for local governments establishing drone operation ordinances.