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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garcia, M.P. DATE TYPED 2/22/05 HB 1056

SHORT TITLE Prohibit Misuse of Anhydrous Ammonia SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)

No Responses

Attorney General's Office (AGO)

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1056 enacts a new section of the criminal code to prohibit certain conduct concerning anhydrous ammonia, an ingredient in crystal methamphetamine. The proposed legislation makes it a third degree felony to steal, purchase, possess, transfer or distribute any amount knowing or having reason to know it will be used to unlawfully manufacture a controlled substance. Also, the proposed legislation makes it a third degree felony to place, have placed, transport or possess anhydrous ammonia in a container that is not designed, constructed, maintained and authorized to contain or transport anhydrous ammonia.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

AOC states the proposed legislation may have an impact on the measures of the district courts in the following areas: cases disposed as a percent of cases filed, percent change in case filings by

case type, and clearance rate.

AODA states the proposed legislation could result in more cases referred to the District Attorney's Offices.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

AOC states there will minimal administrative cost for statewide update, distribution, and documentation of statutory changes. Any additional fiscal impact on the judiciary would be proportional to the enforcement of this law and commenced prosecutions.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

AOC reports new laws, amendment to existing laws, and new hearings have the potential to increase caseloads in the courts requiring additional resources to handle the increase.

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