

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 55th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1965
Version:	SAHB
Request Number:	
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Impact:	Contingent upon number of convictions

Research Analysis

SA to HB 1965 prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle while using a hand-held electronic communication device to manually compose, send or read an electronic text message while the vehicle is in motion. The measure establishes a fine of not more than \$100. The Department of Public Safety is not to record or assess points for violations. The measure provides that the prohibition on the use of a device does not apply if the person is communicating with an emergency response operator; hospital, ambulance service, firefighting services, or law enforcement. The measure allows municipalities to enact ordinances prohibiting and penalizing the use of a hand-held electronic communication device in the same manner as state law.

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Fiscal Analysis

Upon review of the measure, it has been determined to have no measureable revenue or fiscal considerations. The Senate Amendment establishes a \$100.00 fine for those who are convicted of violating the provisions of the Act. The fiscal impact of the imposed fine will be contingent upon the amount of convictions.

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Other Considerations

None.