

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 55th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2599
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	8795
Author:	Representative Wood
Date:	2/23/2016
Impact:	\$0 Immediate to the State; Misdemeanor Fines for Violations

Research Analysis

HB 2599 prohibits the operation of unmanned aircraft over a critical infrastructure facility. The measure defines critical infrastructure facilities. The measure exempts the government, law enforcement, the owner of the critical infrastructure facility, and operators authorized by the FAA to conduct operations over that airspace. Violation of the act is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not to exceed 1 year, a fine of up to \$500 or both fine and imprisonment.

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Fiscal Analysis

Limiting the use of unmanned aircraft does not significantly impact state revenues, however, the measure provides for violations of the Act to be punishable as misdemeanors, with sentences not to exceed one year in county jail and/or a fine of \$500.

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Other Considerations

None.