

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2702
Version:	CS
Request Number:	10077
Author:	Rep. Echols
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Impact:	Creates a fine, increases the maximum for traffic citations, minimal positive impact

Research Analysis

The Committee Substitute to HB 2702 modifies the existing littering law by providing that any person convicted of dumping any item of furniture, or item that exceeds fifty pounds, is to be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$6,500 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 60 days, or by both fine and imprisonment. The measure increases the state traffic citation amount that may be assessed to a person caught dumping from \$400 to \$500 and provides that if the citation was issued by a peace officer of a county, the funds that would otherwise be paid into the littering reward program are to be transferred to the general fund of the county of the law enforcement officer issuing the citation.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2702 establishes a fine for littering objects in excess of 50lbs. The fiscal impact will be contingent upon how many individuals are convicted with the fine and how much they are mandated to pay. This bill also increases the maximum fine for traffic citations for dumping from \$400 to \$500. This could increase revenue for counties but the impact is most likely minimal.

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Other Considerations

None.