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Impact:	Corporation Commission: New Permit Fee Courier Application Services Permit Estimated Applications: 10 Annually

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 1972 authorizes the Corporation Commission to establish a schedule of fines for oversize or overweight violations. The measure authorizes the Commission to employ motor vehicle enforcement officers and enforcement managers to investigate and conduct regulatory enforcement of commercial transportation to which the Commission has jurisdiction. The motor carrier enforcement officers and enforcement managers must be CLEET certified peace officers. Motor vehicle enforcement officers are not required to be CLEET certified and are not to be armed. The measure provides that motor carriers in violation are in contempt of the Commission and subject to civil fines. The measure creates a definition for “courier application services company (CASC)” and requires persons operating as a CASC to obtain a permit from the Corporation Commission. The permit fee not to be less than \$15,000. The Commission is to promulgate rules for the regulation of CASC’s. The measure allows the Department of Public Safety to revoke the license of any wrecker or towing service company that fails to comply with an order issued by the Commission. The measure allows automated license plate readers (ALPRs) to be used in the electronic screening of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles for the purpose of credential checks, public safety and protection of infrastructure.

The measure repeals Title 47, Section 116.13 which relates to enforcement officers of the Corporation Commission.

The measure repeals Title 47, Section 171.2 which relates to the authority and powers of motor carrier enforcement officers.

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Fiscal Analysis

Included in the provisions of the measure is requirement for obtaining a Courier Application Services Permit (CASC Permit) with a fee of not less than \$15,000 as set by the Commission (Section 6). Commission officials indicate approximately ten (10) applications will be received annually, resulting in potential fee revenue of \$150,000.

The measure provides updates to various motor carrier, commercial vehicle and motor vehicle enforcement statutes. The measure authorizes the Corporation Commission to set fees by administrative rule while striking certain existing statutory fees related to vehicle regulations.

The measure allows the Commission to set fees more commensurate with the cost of administering programs.

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Other Considerations

None.