

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2885
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Impact:	AOC: Significant negative impact to the courts and other state entities which receive revenue from traffic tickets

Research Analysis

The committee substitute HB 2885 provides that a misdemeanor traffic warrant issued on or after November 1, 2020 is to be executed and returned to the district court by whom it was issued within seven years after the date of the citation. Exceptions to this are any warrants for alcohol or drug-related traffic offenses, eluding and negligent homicide.. After the expiration of such time, the warrant, unless executed, is void and is to be dismissed with prejudice to any further action.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS on HB 2885 upon review by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is determined to have a significant revenue loss (~\$400,000) for the state and the agencies which receive revenue from traffic citations (this includes: courts, county sheriffs, OSBI, CLEET, DAs, and DPS) based off of current court clerk receipts. Revenue from traffic tickets written more than 7 years ago is still being collected. Preventing these funds from being collected would create a loss in state revenue. See the cost analysis provided by the AOC below:

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Per your request I have gathered data for the purpose of estimating the fiscal impact of eliminating traffic warrants issued seven or more years in the past.

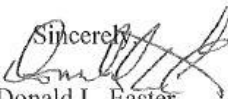
The data was taken from the receipt journals of the court clerks of each county listed showing the amount of money received by the court clerks for the period 2-1-19 through 1-31-20 for traffic cases filed on or before 12-31-12.

The amounts of money collected on these warrants during this twelve month period would not have been realized had these cases not been open to collection.

I have also provided an example of the receipts journal for March 2019 for informational purposes.

Oklahoma County	\$ 89,981.00
Tulsa County	\$116,925.00
Canadian County	\$ 20,297.00
Cleveland County	\$ 8,300.00
Adair County	\$ 5,455.00
Comanche County	\$ 16,188.00
Payne County	\$ 5,193.00
Garfield County	\$ 4,220.00
Logan County	\$ 3,841.00
Ellis County	\$ 112.00
Total	\$270,512.00

My prior estimate of annual fiscal impact was conservative at best. It was based on a much smaller sample of costs collected. Now that I have expanded the data to a full year it appears that the fiscal impact would be closer to \$400,000 taking into account the collections of the other 67 counties.

Sincerely,

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Other Considerations

None.