

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

HB 3495 makes it unlawful to knowingly and willfully purchase, attempt, endeavor and conspire, or endeavor or conspire to obtain and purchase or obtain or purchase, any property on behalf of or at the request or demand of any person, by using a straw person or party. Punishment is a felony not to exceed two years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$1,000 or both fine and imprisonment. The measure defines "straw person or party" as a third party who is put up in name only to take part in a transaction.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure creates a new crime related to alien ownership of land. Such offenders would be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC) for a term not to exceed 2 years, or by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The frequency of convictions for a new crime cannot be predicted, however any resulting change to the revenues collected by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) or change in the costs incurred by the Department of Corrections (DOC) are expected to be immaterial and/or absorbed by the agencies. Therefore, this measure in its current form is anticipated to be budget neutral.

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Other Considerations

None.