

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The policy committee substitute to 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 a foreign national. 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 of acting as a straw person or party knowingly and willfully purchasing, attempting, and endeavoring and/or conspiring to obtain and purchase any property within this state on behalf of a foreign national. Any person convicted of such an offense shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections 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. 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.