

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1522
Version:	Proposed Committee Substitute 1
Request Number:	11213
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Impact:	Lowers felony to misdemeanor; possible positive revenue impact

Research Analysis

The proposed PCS to SB 1522 lowers the penalty for cockfighting from a felony to a misdemeanor. Lowers the penalty for providing a building for the purpose of holding a cockfight from a felony to a misdemeanor. Lowers the penalty for any act or service in the furtherance of or to facilitate a cockfight from a felony to a misdemeanor. The penalty for the misdemeanor convictions is a fine of not more than \$500. For a second conviction the fine is \$1,000. A third or subsequent conviction is a fine of not more than \$2,000

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Fiscal Analysis

The first proposed committee substitute to the measure would lower the penalties for certain crimes related to cockfighting from a felony to a misdemeanor. It would also remove imprisonment in the county jail as a punishment for certain cockfighting crimes. It would also allow for a fine for second and third and subsequent violations.

Upon review, a positive fiscal impact to the state is possible from passage of the measure. By lowering the penalties from a felony to a misdemeanor, the measure may reduce incarceration costs borne by the state. By providing for fines for subsequent convictions, the measure may increase fine revenues received by the state. The exact impact would depend on the number and disposition of cases.

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Other Considerations

None.