BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: SB 6
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Author: Rep. West, Josh Date: 4/5/2021 Impact: Creates a misdemeanor and felony; potential

increase in fine revenue; potential increase in

incarceration costs

Research Analysis

SB 6 prohibits any individual from publishing identifying information of a law enforcement officer with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or stalk law enforcement officials. Individuals convicted of violating the provisions of this measure are subject to a misdemeanor. Any second or subsequent conviction is a felony.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure makes it unlawful to willfully publish personally identifiable information of law enforcement officers.

The measure creates a misdemeanor for an initial offense, and a felony for a second or subsequent offense.

Upon review, the measure may have an impact on state revenues and expenditures. By creating a new misdemeanor and felony, the state may realize increased fine revenues. This could be offset by a potential increase in incarceration costs due to the creation of a new felony. The ultimate impact of the measure would depend on the number of violations and their dispositions.

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Other Considerations

None.

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