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Research Analysis

The Senate amendments to HB 2054 modifies the crime of prostitution to include knowingly offering to pay a fee to another person for the purpose of engaging in sexual conduct. The measure makes it unlawful for any person who pays a fee for a sexual encounter to publish a review of that sexual encounter or to publish a review of the pubic area, buttocks, or breasts experienced in the sexual encounter on a website that facilitates, encourages, offers, solicits or promotes sexual conduct with another for a fee. The crime is a felony punishable by not more than 3 years to life imprisonment and or a fine of up to \$1,000 for the first offense, \$2,500 for the second offense, and \$5,000 for third and subsequent violations. The penalty increases to not more than 10 years and or \$5,000 for the first offense, \$10,000 for the second offense, and \$15,000 for third and subsequent violations if the person is under 18 years of age. Upon a third conviction, the person shall be required to register as a sex offender under the Sex Offenders Registration Act and shall be assigned a risk level of one. Upon a sixth conviction, the person shall be assigned a risk level of one.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure modifies elements of certain unlawful acts relating to the crime of and punishments for prostitution. In its current form, HB2054 is not anticipated to have an impact on state budget or appropriations.

The senate amendment to the house measure does not have an affect on the fiscal impact.

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Other Considerations

None.

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