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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/28/13

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Street Gang Data & Prevention SM 38

ANALYST Wojahn

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 38 provides for the Department of Public Safety, in consultation with federal, state and local entities including the Corrections Department, Children, Youth & Families Department, the offices of the District Attorneys, and others to use the common definition of “criminal street gang” provided in the memorial; compile and study data regarding criminal street gang intervention and prevention, consolidate and centralize statewide efforts on combating criminal street gang activity, and report preliminary findings of everyone’s efforts to the appropriate interim legislative committee by November 30, 2013.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

For the DPS, the most significant issue presented by SM 38 is the ability for the agencies to agree upon one common definition for criminal street gangs, and using that definition, analyze existing data and determine how best to respond to the violence and harm associated with criminal street gangs.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The DPS noted that the positive performance implications of this memorial may be alleviating injury, harm and violence associated with criminal street gangs.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Currently, there is no agreed upon or statutory definition for criminal street gangs, or their attendant activity. Although it is possible to pursue these criminals through racketeering and similar provisions, these have proven ineffective in the past.

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