

LFC Requester:

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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: January 23, 2025

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SB 63

Original Correction
Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen. Ezzell, Sen. Tobiassen,
Sen. Townsend, Sen.
Thornton, Sen. Paul

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

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BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: This bill would create a new section of statute to allow state flags that are no longer used or fit for display to be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning, in a public ceremony performed by uniformed personnel or a private ceremony.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill does not define many of the significant terms in the language of the text. For example, the language is unclear about what constitutes a “dignified manner” or at what point a flag would become “no longer useful as an emblem.”

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None.