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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Woods/Roch ORIGINAL DATE 1/21/15
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Change County Road Speed Limits SB 125

ANALYST Jorgensen

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Transportation (DOT)

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 125 lowers the maximum speed limit for county roads without a posted speed limit from 75 miles per hour to 55 miles per hour and corrects all references to the department of transportation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact associated with this bill.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOT states the condition of county roads across the state varies greatly with topography, and population density and many roads are not appropriate for even a 55 mph speed limit, given design guidelines for stopping and sight distance, roadway geometry, and roadside safety. A speed study should always be performed on roads where conditions are not expected to meet current design standards for a 55 mph speed.

CJ/je