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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Gonzales ORIGINAL DATE 2/3/16
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 133
SHORT TITLE Approach Tow Trucks Like Emergency Vehicles SB _____
ANALYST Malone

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 133 proposes legislation that includes tow and repair vehicles as emergency vehicles when stopped and displaying flashing lights, requiring vehicles to drive in a lane not adjacent to where the emergency vehicle (including towing and roadside repair) is stopped or decrease the vehicle's speed to that which is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DPS notes that the agency supports the legislation because tow and repair personnel are presented with the same dangers that police, fire and rescue personnel when providing roadside services. There are many cases when tow or repair personnel are providing necessary roadside service, with flashing lights, that do not require police, fire or rescue presence. The passage of legislation requiring drivers to "move over" on approach of tow or repair drivers is positive step toward reducing motor vehicle related fatalities.

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