

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 8

Committee: Public Safety and Homeland Sponsor: Representative Randy Wood

Security

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House Bill 8 as reported by the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security revises the penalty for illegal use of a wireless telecommunications device from \$25, \$50, and \$75 for the first, second, and subsequent violations, respectively, under current law, to: (1) \$100 fine or 15-hours of community service for the first conviction within a 24-month period; (2) \$200 fine or 30-hours of community service for the second conviction within a 24-month period; and (3) \$300 fine or 45-hours of community service or both for the third or subsequent violations within a 24-month period.

Finally, this bill also prohibits the imposition of court costs associated solely with a violation under theses provisions which could reduce receipts to the State General Fund, county general funds, municipal general funds, and other funds to which court costs are deposited.