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sHB-5540

AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	Less than 10,000	Less than 10,000
Judicial Dept. (Probation); Correction, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is a cost expected to be less than \$10,000 to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) resulting from the bill, which requires DESPP develop and maintain a system for providing serial numbers for ghost guns. The agency would likely have to modify an existing agreement with the third party vendor that currently provides services related to firearm serial numbers, resulting in a minimal cost.

The bill also expands the felony of alteration of a firearm and results in a potential cost or potential revenue gain. To extent that violators are prosecuted, the bill results in a potential cost to the Department of Correction for incarceration or Judicial Department for probation supervision. As of January 2018, there are 19 offenders incarcerated for the current offense and approximately 11 on probation. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for

the year is \$1,900¹ while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$700² each year.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

¹ Inmate marginal cost is based on increased consumables (e.g. food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.) This does not include a change in staffing costs or utility expenses because these would only be realized if a unit or facility opened.

² Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant. This does not include a cost for additional supervision by a probation officer unless a new offense is anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.