

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	6 - 1 - 1
Yeas:	Bailey, Barnhart, Boone, Gilliam, Smith J., Cannon
Nays:	Bentz
Exc.:	Jenson
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Meeting Dates:	4/14, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates offense of unlawful disposition of a tobacco product if person knowingly disposes of cigarette, cigar or the filter in any container other than a fireproof container that was specifically designed for disposal of cigarettes or cigars. Establishes offense as a Class D violation. Authorizes court to impose community service in lieu of fine. Requires, if court orders community service, that service must include clearing property of cigarettes, cigars and cigar filters unlawfully deposited on property and be completed within six months after entry of order unless person shows good cause why service cannot be completed within that time period.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Toxins present in cigarette butts
- Prevalence of cigarette litter
- Cleanup campaigns
- Examples of fireproof containers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Creates “offense” of unlawful disposition of tobacco product in place of “crime.” Makes penalty a Class D violation.

BACKGROUND: Cigarette butts are one of the most commonly littered items picked up during beach cleanups and other litter cleanup efforts. Cigarette filters can take decades to degrade, the toxic residue in cigarette filters is damaging to the environment, and littered cigarette butts cause numerous fires every year. House Bill 2676A creates the offense of unlawful disposition of a tobacco product.