

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Witt, Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Theresa Van Winkle, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	5/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows local governments to create separate provisions with greater penalties for retailers not complying with shopping cart regulations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The removal, misuse, and abandonment of shopping carts away from the parking lots of grocers and other businesses has been an ongoing problem for business owners, neighborhoods surrounding the stores, and local governments attempting to keep streets, parks, open areas, and neighborhoods free from eyesores and hazards. Store owners are often unaware of the location of their abandoned shopping carts.

SB 645 (2007) established a public-private partnership for collecting abandoned shopping carts by permitting local government to enact or adopt ordinances, charter provisions, resolutions, or other regulations related to the collection or retrieval of abandoned shopping carts. However, the measure inadvertently created a loophole for retailers who did not comply with the full intent of the measure, which grants indemnity from a stricter city ordinance. SB 533 broadens statutory authority by clarifying that the full statute relating to recovery of abandoned shopping carts can be incorporated into local regulations.