

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 8 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Tomei, Williamson, Barker  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Olson  
**Prepared By:** Mike Schmidt, Counsel  
**Meeting Dates:** 5/9, 5/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Increases penalty for initiating a false report to “A” misdemeanor from a “C” misdemeanor. Requires court to assess the costs of responding and investigating to false report to be paid by convicted person.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- People who use emergency services for their own purposes should have to pay if the emergency is not founded

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** False reports not only pull law enforcement and emergency services away from real emergencies that may need their help, which puts the public at risk, but they also cost a lot of money. Senate Bill 834 would make the false reporter bear the financial responsibility for their actions as well as increasing the penalty to provide more deterrence for those that may consider trying to get attention in this fashion.