

HB 2598 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands vehicular assault offense to include contact with a motorcycle or motorcycle operator or passenger.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Examples of accidents caused by distracted drivers
- Data related to these accidents
- Current applicable laws and the need for greater protection

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

It is an A misdemeanor for a person to recklessly operate a vehicle upon a highway in a manner that results in contact between the vehicle and a pedestrian, bicycle or bicycle operator, when this contact results in physical injury to the pedestrian or bicycle operator. House Bill 2598 expands this offense to include contacting a motorcycle or motorcycle operator or passenger resulting in physical injury to the motorcycle operator or passenger.