

HB 2380 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates crime of threatening a mass injury event. Applies when person knowingly causes fear, alarm or terror by threatening to cause serious physical injury or death to two or more persons and it is reasonable to believe that the threat is likely to be carried out. Punishes as Class C felony.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, a person commits the crime of menacing if the person, by word or conduct, intentionally attempts to place another person in fear of imminent serious physical injury. Similarly, the crimes of disorderly conduct in the first and second degree apply to conduct involving false reports of "an alleged or impending fire, explosion, crime, catastrophe or other emergency." Against this backdrop, House Bill 2380 creates the Class C felony of threatening a mass injury event.