

Fiscal Services Division Legislative Services Agency Fiscal Note

HF 2493 – Unused Property Markets (LSB 5770HV)
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Description

House File 2493 creates a new section, Chapter 546B, Code of Iowa, to regulate sales activities at unused property market events. Violations of the Chapter are punishable as a simple misdemeanor for a first offense, a serious misdemeanor for a second offense, and an aggravated misdemeanor for a third or subsequent offense.

Assumptions

1. The Bill creates new crimes and applies existing penalties to those crimes. There is no data readily available with which to predict the number of convictions that may occur under the Bill.
2. Creating new crimes and applying existing penalties to those crimes increases the demand for resources in the criminal justice system for each new conviction. This includes costs in the Judicial Branch, Community-Based Corrections (CBC), the State prison system, and indigent defense.
3. State cost for a simple misdemeanor conviction ranges from \$14 to \$300.
4. State cost for a serious misdemeanor conviction ranges from \$100 to \$5,000.
5. State cost for an aggravated misdemeanor conviction ranges from \$1,100 to \$5,000.
6. The cost for a conviction of a serious or aggravated misdemeanor will be incurred over multiple fiscal years as the offender serves time in the correctional system. The costs stated above include the Judicial Branch holding a trial; indigent defense; and supervision while on probation, parole, or prison, if applicable.

Correctional Impact

There is no readily available information to predict the number of convictions for the new crimes under the Bill. The impact on correctional resources is not anticipated to be significant.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact cannot be determined due to insufficient information, however, the fiscal impact is not anticipated to be significant.

Sources

Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division
Department of Corrections
Judicial Branch
Office of the State Public Defender

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.
