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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2019 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:
Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date 02/08/19
Bill No: HB 509

Sponsor: CREATE CRIME –
ILLEGALLY DISMANTLING
OF VEHICLES.
Short Title: _____

Agency Name and Code AODA/264
Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20	FY21		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: HB 509 proposes to create the crime of illegally dismantling stolen vehicles. The Bill defines illegally dismantling stolen vehicles as “[a] person knowingly...”

1. Owning or operating a chop shop; THIRD DEGREE FELONY
2. Transporting an unlawfully obtained motor vehicle or major component of motor vehicle to or from a chop shop (knowing it is a chop shop);or FOURTH DEGREE FELONY
3. Selling or transporting or purchasing or receiving an unlawfully obtained motor vehicle or major component of a motor vehicle. FOURTH DEGREE FELONY.

“CHOP SHOP” is defined as a building, facility, lot or other structure where:

1. A person possesses, receives an unlawfully obtained motor vehicle or major component of a motor vehicle, for purpose of selling, using or disposing of an unlawfully obtained motor vehicle or major component of a motor vehicle;
2. Two or more unlawfully obtained motor vehicles, for the purposes of alteration, sale or disposal.
3. Six or more unlawfully obtained major component of motor vehicles for the purposes alteration, sale or disposal.

CONCERN ON THIS DEFINITION: SHOULD BE ONE OR MORE UNLAWFULLY OBTAINED MOTOR VEHICLE. WHY TWO?

“MAJOR COMPONENT OF A MOTOR VEHICLES” is defined as:

1. The bill lists most components of a motor vehicles EXCEPT
 Definition is missing “electrical components” such as alternators and catalytic converters, computer modules in the vehicles etc.. These are important because they are high values items and should be added.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

1. DEFINITION OF “CHOP SHOP”: UNCLEAR WHY IT REQUIRES TWO OR MORE UNLAWFULLY OBTAINED MOTOR VEHICLES?

If the vehicle is unlawfully obtained, then why is it necessary to have two or more motor vehicles, and not “One or more”?

2. DEFINITION OF “MAJOR COMPONENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES” should be amended to include all electrical components because the value of such is “major”.

3. Why is the Bill limited to motor vehicles and not boats?

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

There is currently not a law that defines “chop shop” and makes it a crime to work with or own a chop shop that is a major component of the stolen vehicle market.

AMENDMENTS

Not at this time