

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1470

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House in Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Barker

3. **Committee:** Transportation

4. **Title:** Vehicle registration; special communication needs indicator.

5. **Summary:** This bill expands eligibility for a special communication needs indicator on a vehicle registration to vehicle owners whose vehicle is regularly occupied by an individual who has a disability that can impair communication. Current law authorizes those vehicle owners who have a disability that can impair communication to apply for such an indicator. The bill authorizes the removal of such indicator by request in writing to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Currently, only applicants for registration of a motor vehicle who personally have a disability that can impair communication are eligible for the indicator. This bill expands the group of eligible applicants to include registrants who indicate that their vehicle is regularly occupied by an individual with a disability that can impair communication. This would require the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to accept medical information about another individual from a vehicle registrant.

Implementation of this bill will require system programming changes costing \$46,089. The 638 staff hours required to implement this legislation can be accomplished during the normal work schedules for DMV employees, given current workloads. DMV would be able to absorb this cost within its existing resources assuming other legislative proposals with fiscal impacts to DMV are not passed. DMV's current fiscal outlook precludes funding the cumulative burden of implementing the programming and staffing requirements of multiple pieces of legislation without improved revenue streams.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** This bill is a companion to HB1960.