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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3358 Introduced on January 8, 2019
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Subject: Mowing Highways
Requestor: House Education and Public Works
RFA Analyst(s): Griffith
Impact Date: February 7, 2020

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase Other Funds expenditures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) by \$22,224,720 per year for the disposal of trash and debris found along highways before they are mowed.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill provides that DOT shall require a company entering into a contract to mow vegetation along a department-maintained highway to dispose of all trash and other debris found along the highway before the vegetation is mowed. The agency indicates that it currently has under contract for maintenance the following statewide highway mileage:

Type	Miles	Cost per Mile	Cycles per Year	Total Cost
Primary- Divided Highway	1,062	\$200	6	\$1,274,400
Primary- Non-Divided Highway	8,403	\$120	6	\$6,050,160
Secondary	31,042	\$120	4	\$14,900,160

In addition, DOT already removes litter on 851 miles of interstate at an annual cost of \$1,021,200. These miles are not included in the fiscal impact estimate.

The cost per mile for litter pickup is estimated from research done by Georgia and North Carolina. Based on this research and the total number of statewide miles under mowing contracts, the bill will increase expenditures of the Restricted Highway Maintenance Fund, which are Other Funds of DOT, by \$22,224,720 per year.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A

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