

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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Bill Number: HB2177

Patron: Walker

Bill Title: Use of unmanned aircraft systems by public bodies; employees.

Bill Summary: Allows an employee of the Department of State Police or local law-enforcement agency to deploy an unmanned aircraft system without a warrant (i) following an accident where a report is required pursuant to relevant law to survey the scene of such accident for the purpose of crash reconstruction and record the scene by photographic or video images or (ii) to (a) aerially survey a primary residence of the subject of the arrest warrant to formulate a plan to execute an existing arrest warrant or capias for a felony offense or (b) locate a person sought for arrest when such person has fled from a law-enforcement officer and a law-enforcement officer remains in hot pursuit of such person. Current law allows a law-enforcement officer to operate an unmanned aircraft system under such conditions.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: Not applicable

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from this legislative proposal.

Fiscal Analysis: This proposal allows an employee of the Department of State Police or a local law-enforcement agency to deploy an unmanned aircraft system in certain instances as defined in the bill. There is no anticipated impact on the state.

Other: None.