

Bill Summary
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Committee Substitute (CS)

The CS for SB 1489 creates a felony for any person convicted of intentionally interfering with the flight of manned aircraft using an unmanned aircraft system, while the manned aircraft is taking off, landing, in flight or otherwise in motion. Any person convicted of the newly created felony shall be subject to a term of imprisonment for not more than 2 years and/or a maximum fine of \$2,000.00. The measure also prohibits a person from operating or using an unmanned aircraft with weapons or to hunt or fish with an unmanned aircraft. Any person convicted of violating this provision shall be guilty of a felony and will be subject to a term of imprisonment of not more than 2 years and/or a maximum fine of \$2,000.00.

Additionally, no person may disseminate recorded images taken by a person or non-law enforcement entity using infrared or other similar thermal imaging technology attached to an unmanned aircraft. Any person convicted of violating this provision shall be guilty of a felony and will be subject to a term of imprisonment of not more than 1 year and/or a maximum fine of \$1,000.00. The CS also stipulates that a person convicted of launching or flying an unmanned aircraft over federal, state, or private property without the owner's consent is subject to a fine of \$500.00. Municipalities are authorized by the measure to develop regulations related to governing the use of unmanned aircraft on their property. The measure further establishes setback requirements for any unmanned aircraft flying around prisons. Persons convicted of flying an unmanned aircraft without permission near a prison are subject to a term of imprisonment not less than 1 year and not more than 5 years as well as a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$1,000.00.

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Fiscal Analysis

FY'21 Impact: Contingent upon convictions and sentencing

Full Year Impact: Contingent upon convictions and sentencing

Creates various felonies and misdemeanors relating to the unlawful uses of unmanned aircrafts.

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