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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Chatfield/Terrazas/Jones/Dow/Ramos **LAST UPDATED** _____
ORIGINAL DATE 1/29/2025
SHORT TITLE License Plate Readers Funding **BILL NUMBER** House Bill 127
ANALYST Gygi

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY25	FY26	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	1,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.
 *Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	0	50.4	50.4	100.8	Recurring	General Fund
Total	0	50.4	50.4	100.8	Recurring	General Fund

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Relates to appropriation in the General Appropriation Act.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From
 Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 127

House Bill 127 (HB127) appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for the purchase of license plate readers. This legislation aims to enhance public safety by equipping law enforcement with technology to monitor and identify vehicles effectively.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DPS reports this appropriation could fund around 24 two-camera systems. Currently, the license plate reader (LPR) system deployed by DPS costs \$10.36 thousand for equipment and software, including licensing and warranties. The installation cost is about \$30 thousand, bringing the total cost for each deployment to approximately \$40.3 thousand. DPS will then have a total of about 112 LPR camera systems statewide.

DPS reports the department will have a recurring annual cost of approximately \$50.4 thousand for the maintenance of these 24 new LPR camera systems.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

There is a \$6 million appropriation to DPS in the LFC recommendation for the 2025 General Appropriation Act “to purchase and equip law enforcement vehicles, including license plate readers.”

TECHNICAL ISSUES

DPS requests the bill language be amended from “for the purchase of license plate readers” to “for the purchase of license plate readers, including associated software licensing, warranties, and installation costs.”

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