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TO: Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB912 by Gooden (Relating to images captured by unmanned vehicles and aircraft; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add Chapter 423 to the Government Code to define “image” captured by unmanned vehicles and aircraft, and would create a class C misdemeanor offense if a person used or authorized the use of an unmanned vehicle or aircraft to capture an image without the express consent of the person who owns or occupies the real property captured in the image. The bill would also create a defense to prosecution for images captured under specific circumstances as defined by the provisions of the bill. A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.

The bill would require the Consumer Credit Commissioner (CCC) to compute and publish the dollar amount to reflect inflation annually; and to use 2013 as the base year, adjusting dollar amounts every July 1. The CCC would be required to make the adjustments information available to the public.

According to the CCC, no fiscal impact is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. Costs associated with enforcement and prosecution could likely be absorbed within existing resources; and revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

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