

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0074 Introduced on January 14, 2025

Subject: Electronic Records Requestor: Senate Judiciary

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Impact Date: January 24, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

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Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A

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