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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair  
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### SB 1218 (Arreguín) - Refusal of registration: illegal dumping violation penalties

**Version:** February 19, 2026

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** May 14, 2026

**Policy Vote:** TRANS. 12 - 0

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Mark McKenzie

**Bill Summary:** SB 1218 would require the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to refuse to renew a vehicle registration if the registered owner or lessee has unpaid illegal dumping penalties, as specified.

\*\*\*\*\* **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** \*\*\*\*\*

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments  
adopted by the committee on May 14, 2026**

**Fiscal Impact:**

- The DMV would incur unknown one-time costs, likely in the low hundreds of thousands of dollars, to make necessary IT programming changes to create a new vehicle registration hold for unpaid illegal dumping violation penalties and fees. DMV is currently unable to provide a precise cost estimate because implementation efforts would overlap with the rollout of current IT modernization efforts. DMV indicates that it is unable to complete this workload in advance of the January 1, 2027 implementation date. (Motor Vehicle Account)
- The DMV may also incur ongoing likely minor to moderate administrative costs. While the department would charge an administrative service fee to reporting jurisdictions to recover the costs of placing vehicle registration holds, it may also have additional unfunded staffing costs to address customer complaints, depending on the volume of violations reported. (Motor Vehicle Account)
- Unknown ongoing revenue gains, likely to at least partially offset DMV's ongoing administrative costs, related to the authority to retain up to five percent of collected illegal dumping penalties and fees. (Motor Vehicle Account)

**Author Amendments:** Require DMV to deduct up to five percent of funds collected for its administrative costs and transmit the remaining funds to the appropriate court.

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