

HB 3392 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

For unclaimed property removed by the police, Department of Corrections, a law enforcement agency or port, removes requirement that notice of intent to dispose of unclaimed property be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction of the removing authority, and instead allows the notice to be published in a newspaper or via a publicly viewable electronic method, including a community forum, the website of the State Treasurer, the removing authority or a news provider for the jurisdiction.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

When a sheriff's office, a municipal police department, a state police office, the Department of Corrections, a law enforcement agency created by intergovernmental agreement or a port seize property as evidence, abandoned property, found property or stolen property, and they have had possession of the property more than 60 days after the conclusion of all criminal actions related to the property (or conclusion of the investigation if no criminal action is filed) the removing authority is required to mail notice of intent to dispose of the unclaimed property to the presumed owner of the property. The removing authority is also required to publish notice in a local newspaper.

House Bill 3392 would allow the removing authority to either public notice in a local newspaper or publish notice online.