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House Bills 4631 and 4632 (as reported without amendment)

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CONTENT

<u>House Bills 4631 and 4632</u>, collectively, would amend Part 75 (Enforcement and Administration) of the Public Health Code to exempt from certain forfeiture proceedings property seized by law enforcement officers appointed by a public airport authority or by a regional airport authority if the aggregate fair market value of the property and currency seized exceeded \$20,000, excluding the value of contraband.

MCL 333.7521a (H.B. 4631) 333.7523a (H.B. 4632)

FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have an indeterminate positive fiscal impact on local governments that operate a public airport authority or a regional airport authority. The bills would remove restrictions as to when law enforcement agencies could seize cash and property related to crimes under the Public Health Code, specifically controlled substance violations. The Act generally restricts forfeiture of property for controlled substance violations to those instances in which a conviction eventually follows, either by trial or plea agreement. The bills would exempt seizure by law enforcement officers appointed by a public airport authority or a regional airport authority. It is unknown what amount of property or cash would go to airport authorities or local law enforcement agencies, but it is likely the provisions of the bills would increase revenue from forfeiture by some amount.

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