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Senate Bill 715 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Wayne Schmidt
Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act to allow a political subdivision that prohibits the operation of nonemergency motor vehicles in the political subdivision to enact or enforce an ordinance or resolution regulating the ownership or operation of unmanned aircraft.

The political subdivision could not prohibit ownership or operation of an unmanned aircraft for a commercial purpose and authorized under either of the following:

- An exemption issued by the Secretary of the Federal Aviation Administration allowing the operation of an unmanned aircraft system.
- A remote pilot certification issued by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Under the Act, except as expressly authorized by statute, a political subdivision may not enact or enforce an ordinance or resolution that regulates the ownership or operation of unmanned aircraft, or otherwise engage in the regulation of the ownership or operation of unmanned aircraft. Under the bill, this provision would not apply to a political subdivision as described above.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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