

REVENUE: Revenue Impact Issued
FISCAL: Fiscal Impact Issued

Action: Do Pass. Refer to Ways and Means.
Vote: 7-0-1
Yeas: Bailey, Bentz, Gelsner, Read, Wand, Barnhart, Berger
Nays: 0
Exc.: Brewer
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Meeting Dates: 5/18

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Allows justice courts to assign certain judgments to the Department of Revenue for subsequent collection. Requires these courts to submit an annual report to the Legislative Fiscal Office regarding the status of the court's liquidated and delinquent accounts; identifies information to be included in the report. Requires the Legislative Fiscal Office to produce an annual report based the reports it receives from justice courts.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Collection rates for fines
- Impact of collections on courts
- Number of courts likely to participate

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: None

BACKGROUND: This bill was filed at the request of the Interim Committee on Consumer Protection and Government Accountability for the Task Force on Effective and Cost-Efficient Service Provision. Justice courts are currently responsible for collection of judgments ordered by them. This bill permits them to use the Department of Revenue to collect judgments that involve state monies.