

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	9 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Garrett, Nolan, Olson, Schaufler, Tomei, Wand, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Hicks
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Meeting Dates:	4/1, 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies that the Department of Corrections may not only assess fees but collect fees for self-improvement programs, disciplinary fines and restitution for damage and destruction of property. Allows the Department of Corrections to charge a fee to administer inmate trust accounts. Limits what can be charged to no more than 5 percent of the amount of the credit or deposit. Effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to find sources of revenue versus not making the fee too onerous

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Limits what can be charged an inmate's account to no more than 5 percent of the amount of the credit or deposit.

BACKGROUND: Currently, the Department of Corrections has the authority to assess inmates for damage and destruction of property caused by willful misconduct. It may also assess fees for self-improvement programs, services and assistance to inmates. However, the law is silent as to the department's ability to collect these fees. The budget for the inmate trust operation is over \$1.3 million for the 2009-11 biennium. Currently, the department cannot charge a fee for administering these accounts.