

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Barker
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Williamson
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Extends the sunset provision on the funding of the Department of Justice's restitution collection pilot program. Amends the pilot program to include the collection of compensatory fines.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- This collection program has seen increased collection rates in all five host counties, while the same cannot be said statewide.

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The restitution collection pilot program was first approved in the 2011 legislative session. It has been implemented across five counties with a goal of enhancing the collection of restitution in those counties, and developing practices to be appropriated and implemented across the state. This five county pilot program increases restitution collection levels by placing restitution clerks in the district attorneys' offices who investigate the nature and amount of damages suffered by victims. Collection agents employed by the Department of Justice collect monies and investigate collections.