

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact, statement issued (Indeterminate Impact)

Action Date: 04/15/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 04/09, 04/15

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Olson, Post, Williamson

Exc: 1 - Sprenger

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes court to waive previously imposed fines if offender completes drug treatment program as condition of supervision. Prohibits court from returning funds to defendant that have already been paid. Authorizes court to enter supplemental judgment modifying court-appointed counsel fees if payment of fees would interfere with offender's ability to pay for drug treatment program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effects of court-ordered financial obligations on families
- Drug treatment costs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Prohibits court from returning funds to defendant that have already been paid.

BACKGROUND:

Misdemeanor convictions carry a minimum fine of \$100 and a maximum fine of \$6,250. Felony convictions carry a minimum fine of \$200, with a varying maximum fine depending upon the classification of the felony. In addition, courts have authority to order an offender to complete a drug treatment program, which can vary in costs.

House Bill 3168 A grants courts continued jurisdiction over offenders to waive previously imposed fines if the offender completes a drug treatment program as a condition of supervision. In addition, the bill authorizes the court to enter a supplemental judgment modifying court-appointed counsel fees if payment of fees would interfere with offender's ability to pay for drug treatment program.