

SB 1006 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires judge and law enforcement officials to complete certification form designated by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services indicating that victim of crime is being, or is likely to be, helpful in criminal prosecution. Requires completion of form within 90 days or, if removal proceedings pending within 14 days, of request.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security administers the U visa program. The program is available to victims of certain crimes who are helpful to law enforcement officials in the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity. The U visa is valid for four years and may allow an individual to apply for permanent resident status.