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To: Public Safety Subcommittee
From: Steven Bender, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 29, 2017
Subject: HB 2797 – Relating to fines
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2797 increases presumptive fines for violations by \$5, effective January 1, 2018, and increases the amount of the fine that must be distributed to the Criminal Fine Account, prior to any other distributions, by \$5. The bill also expands the allowable uses of Criminal Fine Account moneys to include allocations to the State Court Technology Fund.

The bill is intended to provide additional revenue to the Judicial Department for technology services support, specifically for POP 404 approved in the legislatively adopted budget. The bill will increase Criminal Fine Account Revenues and will generate \$3.11 million in the 2017-19 biennium, and \$4.15 million in the 2019-21 biennium.

Absent further legislative action, those additional Criminal Fine Account revenues would be transferred to the General Fund. It is the intent, however, to establish a 2017-19 biennium allocation from the Criminal Fine Account in the amount of \$3.11 million to the Judicial Department to use the revenues for technology services. This allocation will be included in SB 5529, a bill that will include all Criminal Fine Account allocations for the 2017-19 budget.

Final Subcommittee Action

**MOTION: I move HB 2797 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.
(VOTE)**

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____