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To: Public Safety Subcommittee
From: Steven Bender, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 30, 2017
Subject: HB 2795 – Relating to fees
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2795-A increases identified court fees, and the percentage of court fee revenues that the Judicial Department retains for deposit into the State Court Technology Fund (SCTF) from 4.75% to 8.85%. The remaining fee revenues are transferred to the General Fund.

The fee changes in the bill increase fees by approximately 5% over current levels. HB 2795 is a bill for raising revenue, and requires approval by a three-fifths majority.

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.

Recommended Changes

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommends adoption of the -A5 amendments. These amendments modify certain fee increase amounts, increase prevailing party fees, and reduce the filing fee for foreign judgments.

The bill with the -A5 amendments will increase SCTF revenue by \$2.94 million in the 2017-19 biennium, and by \$3.36 million in the 2019-21 biennium.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A5 amendment to HB 2795-A. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2795, as amended by the -A5 amendments, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2795, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

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MOTION: I move HB 2795 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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