

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1595

Relating to protections from debt collection.

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Smith

SB 1595 increases some amounts that are protected from debt collectors. The measure also increases certain exemptions from garnishment and execution and modifies provisions relating to unfair debt collection practices. The changes to garnishment exemptions do not apply if a writ of garnishment includes debt arising from child support, spousal support, or restitution.

The fiscal impact of the measure on the Department of Revenue is \$861,563 total funds, which is contained in the -A3 amendment. This funding will be used to support four positions, three of which are permanent, needed to implement the measure. This total also includes \$364,500, on a one-time basis, for contracts to update and test changes to the Gentax system necessary to meet the timelines in the measure.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 1595 be amended by the -A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.