

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 55th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB101
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	
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Impact:	Contingent upon amount of investigations performed and what constitutes a “reasonable fee.”

Research Analysis

SB 101 would allow someone involved in owning or operating a restaurant where less than 50% of its gross sales come from alcohol to be a bail bondsman. The measure requires that no licensed bondsman with an ABLE Commission license perform bail bond duties on the premises of such a restaurant.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB101 would allow the ABLE Commission to “charge a reasonable fee for investigating and certifying a person eligible for licensure as a bail bondsman pursuant to this section.” Further, “the ABLE Commission shall be entitled to reimbursement for all costs, expenses and attorney fees” should the topic of disqualification go to the courts.

At this time, it is unclear what a “reasonable fee” means. Moreover, it is impossible to state what effect this would have on the ABLE Commission’s revenue stream. Attempts to clarify this are pending.

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Other Considerations

None.