

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB3146
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Impact:	Loss of revenue: Approximately \$3,076,150 (to the Courts)

Research Analysis

Please see previous summary of this measure.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to officials with the Courts, “currently, 100% of all revenue received from DUI fines goes to the court fund. HB3146 redistributes the fine revenue to district attorneys, the arresting agency, and the court clerk, leaving only 15% for the court fund. Revenue from the court fund is deposited into the State Judicial Revolving Fund where it is used to pay the salaries of judges, bailiffs, and court reporters.

In FY-15 there were 11,359 DUI dispositions filed in District Court. Of those 8,242 were misdemeanors and 3,117 were felonies. The average fine for a misdemeanor DUI case is \$250 and the average fine for a felony DUI case is \$500.

In FY-15, approximately \$2,060,500 was assessed in misdemeanor DUI cases and \$1,558,500 was assessed in felony DUI cases for an annual total of \$3,619,000. HB3146 would reduce the annual revenue to the District Courts from DUI fines to \$542,850, a loss of \$3,076,150.

Any reduction in fine revenue to the Courts will result in the need for additional general revenue appropriations to support the operations of the District Courts.”

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Other Considerations

None.