

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3270
Version:	Committee Substitute
Request Number:	10900
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Impact:	Revenue decrease likely; exact amount dependent

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 3270 provides that a hearing to determine the ability of a person to pay fines, fees, costs or assessments owed upon release from prison is not required if the person provides proof to the court that the person is enrolled in a federal or state government assistance program and the court is to waive all fines, fees, costs, or assessments.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute would eliminate a defendants liability for court costs if the case is dismissed prior to certain hearings. The measure would also eliminate a defendants liability for court costs, fines, fees, or assessments upon their release from incarceration if the individual provides proof they are enrolled in a federal or state government assistance program.

Upon review, passage of the measure is likely to have a fiscal impact to the state. By eliminating the liability of criminal defendants for court costs, fines, fees, or assessments, the measure would decrease revenue received by district courts and certain executive branch agencies. The exact impact would depend on the number and disposition of cases.

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Other Considerations

None.