

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The CS to HB 3546 clarifies the courts ability to recall outstanding misdemeanor or cost-related warrants. The measure modifies the wording on the summons issued by providing that the court may issue a warrant and may refer the case to a court cost compliance liaison. The measure removes language that restricts the ability of law enforcement to take a defendant into custody and requires notice to the court clerk when a law enforcement officer comes into contact with a person subject to cite and release warrant. The measure requires a defendant arrested pursuant to a cost arrest warrant to be released after 72 hours in custody or earlier if the defendant shows proof of payment of at least \$100 to each jurisdiction where obligations are owed or if the court conducts a cost or willfulness hearing. The measure clarifies the procedure the court is to use when sending a notice of nonpayment of court-ordered financial obligations.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure clarifies procedures related to certain court orders. In its current form, HB3546 is not anticipated to have an impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.