BILL SUMMARY

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Impact: Supreme Court: \$164,464

State Judicial Fund: ~\$3,300,000 revenue loss

Research Analysis

The CCR to HB 1462 directs the court to prioritize payments for restitution to the victim when sentencing and until the payment of restitution and the office of the district attorney certifies that restitution is paid in full. The court clerk is to inquire whether restitution is owed before the acceptance of a payment toward fines, fees, or assessments and inform the offender that payment of restitution is to be prioritized over payment of fines, fees, or assessments.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS to HB1462 directs the courts to prioritize orders of payments of restitution to victims in certain cases until the Office of the District Attorney certifies that the restitution is paid in full. In its current form, this measure is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

REVISED ANALYSIS According to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC):

At this time, we calculate an annual \$164,464 impact to the Supreme Court-677 and a \$2,891,354 fiscal impact to District Courts-219. Of the \$2,891,354, \$1,153,145 is a direct reduction in collections to the local court. When the local court experiences a reduction in revenue, that in turn is less money that is sent to the State Judicial Fund. Additionally, there is a \$244,048 fiscal impact to other state and local entities. The grand total annual impact across all entities is estimated to be \$3,300,000 million. However, with such limited data, this is based on significant assumptions. An accurate and complete fiscal analysis cannot be completed until restitution data is provided from the District Attorneys Council.

Therefore, in its current form, the AOC expects a revenue loss to the State Judicial Fund between \$2,891,354 to \$3,300,000 and an impact of \$164,464 to the Supreme Court, potentially seeking additional funding to defray these costs and losses in revenue.

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Other Considerations

None.

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