## **BILL SUMMARY** 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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#### **Research Analysis**

The CCS for HB1562 amends Section 5 of the Enrolled HB632 to allow matters involving royalty or mineral owners to be heard in business court if all parties in the case consent to jurisdiction or the case is a class action.

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### Fiscal Analysis

The CS to HB1562 creates the business court division within the District Courts of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Officials with the AOC have provided the following cost analysis:

The following costs do not include real property costs to house the Business Courts, as such costs are undeterminable until the locations are selected or specified within the measure. Purchasing, leasing, and/or remodeling costs cannot be calculated pending further legislative instruction.

	Т	otal Cost
Business Court District Judges	\$	677,760
Law Clerks		825,156
Court Reporters		230,712
Secretary Bailiffs		155,752
Computers, software, misc. expenses for start up, benefit increases, etc.		110,620
	\$	2,000,000

Therefore, based on the CS, this measure is anticipated to have a total cost of at least \$2,000,000 to the AOC, as well as unknown additional costs for building/leasing. The AOC would seek additional funding to defray these costs.

The CCS of HB1562 amends the Enrolled Version of SB632. Therefore, there is no direct impact from the CCS of HB1562, and the impact of SB632 is unchanged.

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### **Other Considerations**

None.

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