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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: General Government Subcommittee

Re: SB 254 Relating to collection of debts owed to state

Senator Johnson: "SB 254 requires financial institutions to participate in a data match program with the Department of Revenue. Under the program, financial institutions compare a list of delinquent debtors with the names of account holders. If a match is found, DOR is notified and may pursue garnishment of the account. The bill also allows the Department of Justice to share new hire information with the Department of Revenue to facilitate wage garnishments.

For the data match program, financial institutions will charge a fee of up to \$2,500 for start-up costs, and \$150 per quarter thereafter. These fees will be added proportionately to debtor accounts to reimburse the Department.

The Legislative Revenue Office estimates an increase in successful garnishments of 6% for the first year and up to 12% by the third year of implementation. The Department can manage this program with existing staff.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 254 be reported out do pass."