

HB 2491 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/09/25

Action: Without recommendation as to passage, with amendments, and be referred to Rules.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Andersen, Chaichi, Chotzen, Kropf, Lewis, Mannix, Tran, Wallan

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact, statement issued (Indeterminate Impact)

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Meeting Dates: 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes court procedures upon receipt of a petition for remission of fines or fees under certain statutes. It further provides factors the court shall consider when determining whether to remit a fine or fee under this provision including: the financial resources of the petitioner; the financial obligations of the petitioner; the nature of the burden the debt imposes; whether the petitioner qualifies for public assistance; the age of the debt; and any other equitable factor. If the the court determines that requiring payment would be a manifest hardship based on the consideration of the factors provided, the measure directs the court to remit all or part of the amount due. Finally, it directs the State Court Administrator to develop a standardized form to be used for the petitions for remissions of fines and that it be made available on the website of the Judicial Department.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Work session for purposes of moving to rules
- Process of hardship waivers currently
- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: