

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 155** HLS 25RS 308

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Court Reporter Fees		

COURTS/COURT REPORTERS EG INCREASE LF RV See Note  
Provides for a statewide revision of court reporter fees

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Proposed law increases the statewide court reporter fee for all civil and non-indigent criminal cases to not more than \$5 per 32-lined page transcript and not more than \$2 per page for a certified copy. For indigent criminal cases, proposed law increases the statewide court reporter fee to not more than \$3.50 per 32-lined page transcript and not more than \$1 per page for certified copy. Proposed law provides that fees may be set up to the statutory amount by a majority of the judges in the court for which the reporter is employed. Proposed law provides for increased fees for expedited transcripts.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable increase in expenditures if courts decide to increase the fees charged for court transcripts. Court transcript fees are charged as costs of the case. Once paid to the Clerk of Court, those fees are then paid to the court reporter.

For criminal indigent cases, many courts pay the transcript fees using Local Funds. To the extent judges decide to increase the fee for criminal indigent cases, there will be an increase in Local Fund expenditures. The exact fiscal impact to Local Funds revenue is indeterminable, because it is not known the number of cases that will be reported and transcribed, or the rates at which the majority of judges will choose to set the fees for transcription and reporting.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will likely result in an increase in revenue if courts decide to increase the fees charged for court transcripts. While some courts require fees to be paid directly to the court reporters, some Clerks of Court collect these fees and then remit them to the court reporter. In the circumstance where the Clerk of Court collects the fee, there will be an increase in Local Fund revenues.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

  
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