

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1396
Version:	PCS1
Request Number:	7396
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Impact: Administrative Office of the Courts:	\$37,000 annual cost increase
	WCCEC: Minimal
	WCC: Minimal

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB1396 increases the additional pay received by a court reporter for a registered professional, diplomat, merit or real-time reporter credential from \$1500 to \$2000. The maximum additional pay that a court reporter can receive for holding all four credentials is also increased from \$6000 to \$8000.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure increases court reporter salaries. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) provided the following analysis:

Forty-eight full-time certified shorthand reporters within the AOC would benefit from the increase to a certificate, some holding multiple certificates. This would create an annual fiscal impact of \$37,000 for the 74 separate certificates that are held.

The Workers Compensation Court of Existing Claims and Workers Compensation Commission employ a small number of court reporters which may benefit from the increase to a certificate. Fiscal impact is being researched in coordination with officials from these agencies and will be updated upon completion of research, however impact to WCCEC and WCC is expected to be minimal.

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Other Considerations

None.