

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2541
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Impact:	See Analysis Below

Research Analysis

HB 2541 as introduced, creates the State Government Transparency in Billing Act and exempts the legislative and judicial branches of the state government from all fees and costs for services provided by any appropriated state agencies.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2541 requires the Legislative and Judicial branches of state government to be exempt from all fees and costs for services rendered by any appropriated state agencies. Per the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES), these branches of government would experience expense decreases. However, removal of service fees would render OMES unable to cover the cost of services provided to the Legislative and Judicial branches without supplemental funding for services. Below is an estimated total fiscal impact provided by OMES of the impact of this measure.

Estimated Total Fiscal Impact / Revenue Loss (all service areas) = \$955,854

- **Information Services Average Service Fees = \$344,888**
 - Legislative branch average annual information services fees = \$36,173
 - Judicial branch average annual information services fees = \$308,715
- **Non-IS Services Average Service Fees = \$610,966**
 - Facilities service fees = \$84,948
 - Agency business service fees (ABS) = \$48,480
 - Fleet management service fees = \$41,698
 - Shared payroll service fees = \$26,712
 - Central printing service fees = \$50,700
 - Risk management service fees = \$355,428
 - Postage Service Fees = \$3,000

The specific services calculated above are entirely operated and funded through service charges for duties performed for partner entities. If the ability to charge for these services to Legislative and Judicial branch entities was prohibited, OMES would need to pursue funding operational costs through appropriations.

Judicial entities included in calculation: Court of Criminal Appeals; District Courts; Workers' Comp Court of Existing Claims; Supreme Court; Workers' Compensation Commission.

Legislative entities included in calculation: House of Representatives; State Senate; Legislative Service Bureau.

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Other Considerations

None.

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