

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

HB 2259 extends the implementation date of the court cost compliance program from July 1, 2023, to November 1, 2023. The measure also requires court cost compliance liaisons to inform individuals of their right to a cost hearing. Additionally, a single down payment set at the discretion of the court at an amount no less than \$100.00 shall be sufficient to recall all cost-related warrants against a defendant pending in a single jurisdiction. The measure provides that law enforcement officers shall issue warnings, instead of citations, to any person who was arrested and was found to have outstanding warrants or failed to appear for a cost hearing and allows the court to make determinations on the ability of a defendant to pay the court financial obligations and allows the court to grant a hardship waiver for all or part of the owed amount. The measure establishes a presumption that a defendant is unable to pay if they are disabled, eligible for federal needs-based financial support, receive subsidized housing, has been homeless in the past 12 months, or has a total income below 150 percent of the federal poverty level.

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