Fiscal Impact

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1396 would increase reporter salaries. The Admin. Office of the Courts currently has 48 full-time certified reporters who would benefit for a total annual cost of \$37,000. The AOC also notes that the WCCEC, WCC, and Corporation Commission employ a small number of reporters who could possibly benefit. The measure would also allow for court funds to be used for the acquisition and maintenance of reporter equipment. Purchasing and maintaining the specialized equipment has an estimated cost of \$2,750,000 which the agencies do not believe they can absorb. The AOC also states they would be responsible for inventory and storage. The courts estimate the measure will have a fiscal impact of \$3,000,000.

FY'24 Impact: \$2 million

Full Year Impact: \$3 million

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