

**Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number SB1251

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron Stolle

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Fee for failure to appear.

5. Summary/Purpose: Requires the fee for failure to appear to be assessed where a defendant waives a personal appearance in district court by prepaying a set fine.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2003-04	6,800,000	0	General Fund
2004-05	6,800,000	0	General Fund

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: According to the Supreme Court, during the 2002 calendar year, approximately 680,000 cases were disposed of through the prepayment process. Therefore, if the number of defendants choosing to prepay the fines remains the same, this legislation could result in an additional \$6,800,000 of general fund revenue per year.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Court System

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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