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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Martinez, R **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/28/14 **LAST UPDATED** 02/18/14 **HB** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT TITLE** Magistrate Court Fees & Fund Reversion **SB** 84/aHJC

**ANALYST** Jorgensen

### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15	FY16		
	\$530.0	\$530.0	Recurring	Magistrate Operations Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HJC Amendment

The House Judiciary Committee amendment removes the repeal date from Laws 2010, Chapter 7, Section 4 which relates to magistrate court operations funds and fees.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 84 will extend expiration of the collection of the \$4 magistrate court operations fee assessed on penalty assessment misdemeanors from 2014 to 2019 and make revenue generated by operations fees non-reverting.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The magistrate court operations fee generated \$535 thousand in fiscal year 2013. This revenue was used by the AOC to pay lease costs for magistrate courts statewide.

**RELATIONSHIP**

The recommendation for the AOC in the General Appropriations Act includes \$530 thousand in the base budget of the magistrate court program from magistrate court operations fee revenue.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

If not enacted, collection of the magistrate operations fee will be discontinued on May 31, 2014 and the AOC will be forced to absorb a \$530 thousand revenue decrease in the magistrate court program, a reduction of 1.7 percent.

CJ/ds