

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**HB 1371**

**AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE, APRIL 5, 1991**

**Brief Description:** Modifying probation assessment provisions.

**SPONSORS:** Representatives Hargrove, Winsley, Prentice, Morris, Tate, Riley, Leonard, H. Myers, D. Sommers, Wynne, Moyer, Miller and May; by request of Department of Corrections.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Nelson, Chairman; Thorsness, Vice Chairman; Erwin, Hayner, L. Kreidler, Madsen, Newhouse, Rasmussen, and A. Smith.

**Staff:** Dick Armstrong (786-7460)

**Hearing Dates:** April 3, 1991; April 5, 1991

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Community Corrections, within the Department of Corrections, is responsible for managing felony offenders within local communities. Community correction officers monitor offender behavior and direct offenders towards acceptable lifestyles through involvement in community-based rehabilitative programs. The programs provided include: community supervision, work training release, and victim and witness notification.

The Department of Corrections charges offenders the cost, or part of the cost, of providing community supervision services. Currently, the court is responsible for establishing or changing the amount of supervision fees that an offender is required to pay. If the offender's ability to pay the supervision fee changes, the state is required to take the offender back to court to modify the payment amount. The court is the only entity that can change the order to pay supervision fees.

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Corrections can exempt or defer offender supervision fees. Clarification is provided so that offenders serving a period of community supervision, community placement or parole will pay community supervision fees assessments.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** available

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

This measure streamlines the current process required for changing offenders' supervision fees. With this change the state saves time, paperwork, and resources.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Representative Jim Hargrove, prime sponsor; Dave Savage, Jack Jones, Department of Corrections