

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2887

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS, MARCH 2, 1992

Brief Description: Raising appellate court filing fees.

SPONSORS: House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representative Appelwick)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators McDonald, Chairman; Craswell, Vice Chairman; Bluechel, Gaspard, Hayner, M. Kreidler, Newhouse, Niemi, Rinehart, L. Smith, West, and Wojahn.

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Hearing Dates: March 2, 1992

BACKGROUND:

When a case is appealed to the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals, the appellant is required to pay a fee. Proceeds from these fees are deposited into the state's general fund. The current docket fee for the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals is \$125. The current fee for filing a petition for review by the Court of Appeals is \$100.

The state currently receives \$221,000 in each fiscal year from these fees.

SUMMARY:

The docket fee and the fee for filing a petition for review are each doubled to \$250 and \$200, respectively.

This increase is expected to raise \$55,000 in the last three months of FY92, an additional \$221,000 in FY93, and \$442,000 in each subsequent biennium.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: yes

Fiscal Note: available

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

TESTIMONY FOR:

An increase in fees is needed to raise general fund-state monies to help with judicial operations.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Representative Marlin Appelwick (pro)