

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1055

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

2. **Patron:** Herring

3. **Committee:** House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Written explanation of imposed sentence

5. **Summary:** Requires the court to file a written explanation with the record of a case when departing from the sentencing guidelines that adequately explains the sentence imposed in order to promote fair sentencing. The bill provides that the person sentenced may seek a writ of mandamus to enforce the requirement that the court file such a written explanation.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item #8)

8. **Fiscal Implications:** According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the provisions of this bill can be implemented without fiscal impact.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None