

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB730E

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Lewis

3. Committee: Senate Committee on the Judiciary

4. Title: Juror compensation

5. Summary: The bill increases the daily compensation for jurors from \$30 to \$50.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 44

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 amount expended from the Criminal Fund for jurors in circuit courts during FY 2019 (the most recent year unaffected by the pandemic) was \$2,288,658 in general fund dollars. Assuming juries are empaneled at the pre-pandemic rate, it is anticipated the bill would result in a need of \$1,525,772 annually in additional general fund support to cover the expected juror compensation next biennium.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Circuit Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This fiscal impact statement does not reflect the expected increase in the number of defendants who will opt for jury trials due to legislative changes passed in 2021 that amended the laws regarding jury sentencing.