

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB650

House of Origin	<u>  X  </u>	Introduced	<u>      </u>	Substitute	<u>      </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u>      </u>	In Committee	<u>      </u>	Substitute	<u>      </u>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Armstrong

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

**4. Title:** Funeral services; disputes between next of kin

**5. Summary:** Provides a judicial process for determining who makes the decision for the arrangements for a decedent's funeral or the disposition of his remains when there is a dispute between the next of kin.

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

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill sets up a judicial process for determining who makes decisions regarding final arrangements for a decedent's funeral or disposition of remains in the event of a dispute between the next of kin. While there may be additional hearings in the courts, it is not known how many additional cases there could be and therefore, the fiscal impact cannot be precisely determined. That said, it is expected that the additional caseload will not be large and can be accommodated within current court resources.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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