

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB728

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

**2. Patron:** Lingamfelter

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act; discriminatory and retaliatory action against whistle blower; remedies.

**5. Summary:** Provides that a whistle blower may bring a civil action for violation of discriminatory and retaliatory action provisions of the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act. The bill provides that in a proceeding commenced against any employer, if the court finds that a violation was willfully and knowingly made, it shall impose on the officer, employee, or member in his individual capacity a civil penalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500. The bill also establishes a three-year statute of limitations and authorizes the court to order other appropriate remedies.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No fiscal impact.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill presents no direct fiscal impact to state government operations.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Office of the State Inspector General.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.