

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1311

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

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Civil contempt; limits on imprisonment.

5. Summary: Limits the length of time a person can be imprisoned for civil contempt to 30 days except as otherwise provided by law.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015			
2016	-\$404,736		0100
2017	-\$404,736		0100
2018	-\$404,736		0100
2018	-\$404,736		0100
2020	-\$404,736		0100
2021	-\$404,736		0100

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Compensation Board, in fiscal year 2014 there were 101,184 jail bed days reimbursed (at \$4 per day) for civil contempt of court charges resulting in length of stays exceeding 30 days. Establishing a length of stay maximum of 30 days could result in an estimated general fund savings of \$404,736 per fiscal year.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Compensation Board, local and regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.