

SF1760 - 0 - Conciliation Court Claims Limit Increased

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings	X	
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact	X	

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative.
 Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		Biennium			Biennium	
		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Total		-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

This fiscal note has been reviewed and meets the LBO requirements for compliance with the fiscal note Uniform Standards and Procedures. This proposed legislation will impact fee revenue; however, an accurate fiscal impact cannot be determined due to lack of data.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

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*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-

Bill Description

This bill amends section 491A.01, subd. 3a to increase the jurisdictional limit for conciliation court claims from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Assumptions

This bill is effective August 1, 2023.

More parties should be able to file conciliation court claims with a value between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

As a result, the applicable filing fee would be \$65 as provided in section 357.022 instead of \$285 civil filing fee in section 357.021, subd. 2(1). The county law library fee would be the conciliation fee amount instead of the civil fee amount. In some counties these fees are the same amount, in others the conciliation fee amount is less than the civil fee amount.

The number of district court actions with a value between \$15,000 and \$20,000 can not be estimated from filings for purposes of estimating additional conciliation court filings or change in filing fee revenue.

There was no significant impact on the number of claims filed in conciliation court when the conciliation court limit changed from \$7,500 to \$10,000 August 1, 2012, or increased to \$15,000 August 1, 2014.

Conciliation Court Filings for calendar years 2010-2017.

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
54,571	53,069	49,564	49,590	48,491	44,551	45,735	53,928

This bill will not require a change in the number of judicial officers or staff needed to process conciliation court cases.

This bill requires updates to conciliation court forms and instructions, the conciliation court administrative process, and staff training.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

This bill will have an impact on fee revenue, but It is not possible to estimate the resulting change in fee revenue.

The Judicial Branch will not incur costs as a result of this bill.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

This bill may impact law library revenue.

References/Sources

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