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 Component Trial Courts
 Sponsor Rep. Rokeberg
 Requester House Finance Component No. 768

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.2
Travel						
Contractual	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time	2	2	2	2	2	2
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Committee Substitute for HB 179 (JUD) makes several changes to the minor consuming alcohol (MCA) laws. Section 1 of the bill increases penalties for first-time offenders and allows for alternative sentencing. Section 2 increases penalties and includes provisions for license suspension and community work service for those convicted of their 2nd offenses and misdemeanor penalties for those convicted of their 3rd and subsequent offenses.

Under the terms of this bill, those charged with a second or subsequent offense will be entitled to appointed counsel and a jury trial. The Department of Law estimates that approximately 1300 cases with those rights will come through the district court annually.

Because MCA cases already require a court appearance, the only significant difference for the court system between a MCA violation and a MCA with a right to an attorney and a jury trial is the costs associated with jury trials. The misdemeanor trial rate is approximately 1%. This note, therefore, reflects the costs associated with 13 misdemeanor jury trials.

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Fiscal Note Calculations for 13 New Misdemeanors Trials

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<u>District Court:</u>	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
25 Jurors 1.0 Days for Selection	625	625	625	625	625
7 Jurors for 1.5 Days of Court	263	263	263	263	263
6 Jurors for .5 Days of Deliberation	75	75	75	75	75
Deliberation Meal \$11/12 jurors + bailiff	<u>77</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>77</u>
Total per District Court Trial	1,040	1,040	1,040	1,040	1,040
Proposed # District Court Trials	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
Estimated Cost of District Court Trials	<u>13,514</u>	<u>13,514</u>	<u>13,514</u>	<u>13,514</u>	<u>13,514</u>
District Court Judge (2 months*)	20,168	20,168	20,168	20,168	20,168
In-Court Clerk (2 months*)	<u>7,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Personnel Costs	<u>27,167</u>	<u>27,167</u>	<u>27,167</u>	<u>27,167</u>	<u>27,167</u>
Total Jury and Personnel costs for 13 Misdemeanor Trials	<u>40,681</u>	<u>40,681</u>	<u>40,681</u>	<u>40,681</u>	<u>40,681</u>

*13 trials X 3 days/trial =39 work days/20 workdays per month = 2 months