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**MEMORANDUM**

February 10, 2014

**TO:** Representative Coram  
**FROM:** Alex Schatz, Fiscal Analyst (303-866-4375)  
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Assessment of Proposed Amendment **HB1127\_L.002**.

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendment to **HB14-1127**. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of this amendment only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

**Summary of Proposed Amendment**

To initiate the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) judgment debtor disclosure process, Amendment L.002 requires a judgment creditor to obtain a certified copy of the court order allowing the disclosure.

**Fiscal Impact of Amendment**

The requirement of a certified copy deters some use of the CDLE disclosure process. As discussed in the original fiscal note, cost considerations are part of the reason 150,000 cases get a court order but only a fraction of this number become disclosure cases at CDLE. The \$20 additional cost to obtain certification reduces disclosure caseload from 50,000 to 40,000 cases.

Under the amendment, the certification fee generates revenue to the Judicial Stabilization Cash Fund. With 40,000 cases paying for a certified court order annually, the amendment results in \$800,000 cash fund revenue to the Judicial Branch. In addition, because cash funds are sufficient to offset expenditures under the bill, the amendment eliminates the FY 2014-15 paydate shift for personal services and operating costs in the Judicial Branch.

The reduction of caseload by 20 percent reduces all workload and expenditures in the CDLE by 20 percent. With this reduction in CDLE costs, the amount of fee revenue that must be generated is also reduced, and the estimated fee is adjusted from \$6.00 to \$5.50.

## Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment

If Amendment L.002 is adopted, the fiscal note will be revised to show new Judicial Branch revenue, changing the Judicial Branch to cash funding with the associated adjustment of first-year expenditures. The fiscal note will also be revised to show reduced fees, expenditures, and FTE allocation for the CDLE. The fiscal note summary box will be revised as follows.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary*</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>	<b>FY 2015-2016</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>	<b><u>up to \$1,021,000</u></b>	<b><u>up to \$1,021,000</u></b>
General Fund	up to 221,000	up to 221,000
Cash Fund	800,000	800,000
<b>State Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$582,944</u></b>	<b><u>\$492,867</u></b>
General Fund	219,347	194,546
Cash Fund	299,394	228,738
Centrally Appropriated Costs**	64,203	69,583
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	<b>6.7 FTE</b>	<b>7.0 FTE</b>
<b>Appropriation Required: \$518,741 - Multiple agencies (FY 2014-15)</b>		

\* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

\*\* These costs are not included in the bill's appropriation. See the State Expenditures section for more information.

HB1127\_L.002

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Judiciary.

HB14-1127 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 5, before "COPY" insert "CERTIFIED".

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