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NEUTRAL TESTIMONY REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2419  
Determination of Indigence  
January 18, 2012

Madam Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today on behalf of the Office of Judicial Administration regarding House Bill 2419. I simply want to make the committee aware of the fiscal note on this bill.

In many cases, judges already interrogate defendants who request appointed counsel, regarding their financial situation. However, this bill would require interrogation in situations where that is not presently done, and may require increasing the scope of that interrogation, where it is presently done. This would require more time to be spent on each case, resulting in the need for part of a judicial position. The fiscal note submitted, totaling \$43,402 for the Judicial Branch, analyzed that time in terms of using a senior judge, the least expensive option.

Thank you for your time, and I'd be happy to respond to questions.

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