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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *						
	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10			
_	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE		
GENERAL FUNDS						
CASH FUNDS						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUNDS						
TOTAL FUNDS						

This bill would provide for aggregation of amounts for certain forgery crimes.

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) estimates the fiscal impact from this bill could be substantial if a large number of current misdemeanor cases are aggregated into felony cases and the sentences are at least one year.

DCS admitted an average of 125 individuals per year over CY 2006 and 2007 whose primary offense was forgery in the 2nd degree, and the average sentence was approximately 3 years. DCS states that it is likely that more 2nd degree forgery misdemeanor cases will be aggregated into felony cases under this law and that potentially more inmates will be admitted to DCS. The fiscal impact cannot be calculated since it is unknown how many misdemeanor cases there are in a year that could potentially be aggregated into felony cases.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – Agree with agency review. Any fiscal impact will depend on specifics of the offense and judicial discretion.

^{*}Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.