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TO: Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB740 by West (Relating to the assessment of court costs and fees on conviction of multiple offenses or on conviction of multiple counts of the same offense.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require a criminal defendant to pay only one set of court costs rather than separate court costs on each count of a multi-count indictment. The provisions of the bill would not apply to certain offenses punishable by fine only. The Office of Court Administration indicates that because the bill would align the law with actual current practice, no significant fiscal implication to the state is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304

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