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Raised Bill No. 360

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSCRIPT FEES CHARGED BY OFFICIAL COURT
REPORTERS AND COURT REPORTING MONITORS**

The Office of Chief Public Defender is concerned with the increased fees proposed in *Raised Bill No. 360, An Act Concerning the Transcript Fees Charged by Official Reporters and Court Reporting Monitors*. The bill would raise the fees for transcripts ordered by both the public, and state officials. As a state agency, this will increase the cost to this agency for transcripts annually by approximately \$55,000. While generally not opposed to a fee increase for court reporters and monitors, additional funding will be needed to cover the proposed increase in the fees.

Therefore, should this Committee vote favorably on this bill, this office requests that additional funding in the amount of \$55,000 be appropriated to this agency. Thank you for your consideration.