

House Judiciary

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HB26-1232 Court Costs Assessed to Juveniles

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Callie Lambros Against themselves	<p>I oppose policies that impose court fines and fees on juveniles or their families. In many cases, families already struggling financially end up paying these costs, while the juvenile learns little from the consequence.</p> <p>A more meaningful form of accountability would be community service or restorative justice programs. These approaches require young people to take responsibility for their actions, contribute positively to their community, and better understand the impact of their behavior.</p> <p>Focusing on rehabilitation and responsibility rather than financial punishment is a more effective way to guide juveniles toward better choices.</p> <p>Sincerely, Callie Lambros</p>