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BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4798 (Substitute H-2 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative William Van Regenmorter
House Committee: Judiciary
Senate Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the crime victim's rights services Act to revise the requirement that convicted people pay a crime victim's rights assessment, by extending the requirement to people whose criminal charges were resolved in a way other than conviction (except acquittal or unconditional dismissal). The bill would take effect on January 1, 2006.

Under the Act, the court must order each person convicted of a felony to pay an assessment of \$60 and each person convicted of a serious misdemeanor or a specified misdemeanor to pay an assessment of \$50. The bill, instead, would require a court to order each person charged with a felony, serious misdemeanor, or specified misdemeanor to pay a crime victim's rights assessment, if the charge were resolved by conviction, by assignment of the defendant to youthful trainee status, by a delayed sentence or deferred entry of judgment of guilt, or in another way that was not an acquittal or unconditional dismissal. The person would have to pay an assessment of \$60 if the offense charged were a felony, and \$50 if the offense were a serious misdemeanor or a specified misdemeanor.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State and local revenue. The bill would increase the number of defendants required to pay a crime victim's rights assessment, but there are no data on how many additional defendants the bill would include. The fees would remain \$60 for a felony and \$50 for a serious or specified misdemeanor. Currently, the assessment generates approximately \$8 million per year for the Crime Victims Rights Fund, which receives 90% of the revenue. The remaining 10% is retained by the courts.

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