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House Bill 5318 (as discharged)  
Sponsor: Representative Richard Hammel  
House Committee: Judiciary  
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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to authorize the recovery of certain fees imposed in a criminal case or civil infraction action in the same manner as a civil judgment for money.

Under the Act, unless otherwise specially provided for by law, if a person incurs a penalty, fee, or costs and the act or omission for which the penalty, fee, or costs are imposed is not also a misdemeanor, the penalty, fee, or costs may be recovered in the same manner as civil judgments for money in the same court. Under the bill, if a person incurred a penalty for an act or omission that was not also a felony, misdemeanor, or civil infraction, the penalty could be recovered in a civil action.

Also, unless otherwise specially provided by law, any fine, cost, restitution, reimbursement, assessment, or other fee that was imposed in a criminal case or civil infraction action as authorized by law or court rule could be recovered in the same manner as a civil judgment for money in the same court.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have an indeterminate positive impact on local units of government related to the collection of fines, costs, reimbursements, and assessments.

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