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Testimony on HB 2453  
To  
The House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee

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The Department of Corrections supports HB 2453. HB 2453 sets a maximum of \$100 as the fee that may be assessed for application to participate in any juvenile Immediate Intervention Program. (IIP). IIP is similar to a diversion program implemented for adult offenders. Additionally, HB 2453 provides for alternative payment methods when the fee is unaffordable. Finally, HB 2453 directs that fees assessed, shall be used only for development and operation of the IIP program and may not supplant grant funds from the Secretary of Corrections.

The department appreciates the opportunity to raise for the Committee's consideration the issue as to whether the "application fee" for participation in an IIP program is the sole expense that a juvenile participating in an IIP program would be assessed and if not, whether the \$100 "application fee" or some other maximum limit should be established for those costs. Those participation costs might include a participation fee, supervision fee or assessment fee.

In conclusion, the department supports the use of juvenile Intermediate Intervention Programs. The department also believes a juvenile's finances should not be a barrier to those programs.

The department urges favorable consideration of HB 2453.