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Raised Bill No. 601

**An Act Concerning Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch
Judiciary Committee Public Hearing - March 19, 2008**

The Office of Chief Public Defender is opposed to certain language as contained in **Section 8** which would allow the court to require a person subject to electronic monitoring to pay some of the costs, even if indigent and unable to pay such. Current law requires that such costs be waived if the court has found that a person is indigent and unable to pay the costs. The proposed language in line 274 removes this requirement and authorizes the court to waive "all or part of" the costs, even though the court has found that the person is indigent and unable to pay the costs. An indigency determination and inability to pay should be more than sufficient as the basis upon which "all" costs are waived. Either a person is indigent or not. There is no in between.

Therefore, this office opposes the inserted language at line 274 of the bill.