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Director Roehrich-Patrick,

In recent years, the House Civil Justice Committee, of which I Chair, has been asked to consider a number of bills that increase a wide range of court fees. I, along with several members of our committee, are concerned about this recurring practice of fee increases and the possible negative effects that may occur due to the passage of this type of legislation.

In an effort to better understand this issue, I would like your help in gathering information for the committee members. If possible, I request that TACIR submit a report to the House Civil Justice Committee that includes information from the last ten years regarding all 95 counties and changes to court fees. In particular, it should include all bills that were passed by the legislature to increase any kind of court fee and address these questions: What are the fees? What are these fees used for? Is there information available that shows these fees are being used for that purpose? Does TACIR have any policy recommendations they would like to make to the committee regarding this practice?

I would ask that this information be submitted to the committee prior to next year's session. Rep. Martin Daniel is one of our committee members who has expressed deep concern over this issue so I have asked that he take the lead on this; please send any correspondence regarding this request directly to him.

With Regards,

Jon Lundberg  
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Chair, House Civil Justice Committee