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Residential Lien Recovery Fund

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Provisions of this bill will increase revenue between \$100,000 and \$200,000 to the expandable trust fund called the Residence Lien Recovery Fund. It is also estimated that between \$75,000 and \$150,000 will be paid from the Fund for additional claims. The Fund may experience a decrease in attorney fees of between \$2,000 and \$4,000, based on the proposed caps.

		FY 01 Approp.	FY 02 Approp.	FY 01 Revenue	FY 02 Revenue
Trust Funds		\$75,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
	TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

Individual and Business Impact

Contractors could experience a fee increase estimated between \$5 and \$10. Attorneys who practice law in the construction industry may experience a small decrease in revenue if they choose to bill their clients only to the maximum that the fund will pay for attorney fees.

The contracting community will experience no immediate aggregate change in costs and savings. However, the Act provides for future assessments against contractors if the Fund balance drops below \$1.5 million.

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