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Report to the Legislature | *Online Infraction Adjudication and Ability-to-Pay Determinations: Annual Legislative Report (February 2022)*

Summary

This legislative report describes early planning activities completed in preparation for the statewide expansion of online ability-to-pay determinations as authorized by Assembly Bill 143 (Stats. 2021, ch. 79). It also provides data from the courts that have adopted the *MyCitations* tool to adjudicate eligible infractions as required by Government Code section 68645.5 (art. 7 added by Stats. 2021, ch. 79, § 8). As of the writing of this report, seven courts have adopted *MyCitations*. Of the 25,246 requests submitted as of June 30, 2021, the total amount of fines and fees initially owed by litigants was \$17,485,898, averaging \$693 per request. After review by the courts, the total amount of fines and fees ordered through the tool was \$9,154,800 and averaged \$362 per request. These approvals account for a total of \$8,331,098 in reduced fines and fees. Preliminary analysis of requests adjudicated during the pilot program shows that during the period studied, 42 percent of court-ordered debt was collected when a request was approved. By contrast, only 22 percent was collected when denied.