

HCS HB 329 -- DEBT ADJUSTERS (Cunningham, 145)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Special Committee on Financial Institutions

This substitute allows a debt adjuster, working under a debt management plan, to act as an intermediary between a debtor and his or her creditors for the purpose of settling debts. The debt adjuster can charge a reasonable administration fee if the debtor is able to pay.

Debt adjusters will be required to provide a blanket bond of at least \$100,000 for the benefit of any debtor who is damaged by a debt adjuster.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.