

SCS HCS HB 329 -- DEBT ADJUSTERS

This bill 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 not exceeding \$50 for an initial set-up fee and the greater of \$35 per month or 8% of the amount distributed monthly to creditors 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.