

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Aiding a felon and providing penalties					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The revised criminal penalties in this bill may result in additional persons being sentenced to prison or placed on probation. Under the bill the current exclusion for immediate family members who destroy alter, hide, disguise or place false evidence in order to prevent the apprehension of an offender has been removed. This bill also increases the maximum penalties for certain offenses of aiding a felon.

The Department of Corrections is unable to estimate the number of offenders who will be subject to the new criminal penalty provisions of this bill and therefore is unable to estimate the state fiscal impact. However, if additional offenders are convicted, the Department will see increased costs.

In FY10 the average annual cost of an inmate in a DOC institution was approximately \$32,100. However, when there is excess capacity in DOC facilities, the incremental costs (i.e. food, health care and clothing) of housing a small number of inmates was approximately \$5,100, based on FY 10 costs. When there is no excess capacity in DOC facilities, as is currently the case, the Department uses contract beds at a rate of \$18,800 annually per person. The average annual cost for community supervision was \$2,800 in FY10.

A local impact will occur if an adult offender is sentenced to a jail term under the provisions of this bill. A local fiscal impact cannot be estimated.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications