

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Description Charges for inmate telephone use at a jail or house of correction		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Currently charges are imposed on persons who accept telephone calls from individuals who are incarcerated in county jails or state prisons. At this time contracted rates are negotiated separately by each county and the Department of Corrections (DOC). County rates vary by county.

This bill would prohibit a county from imposing charges for a telephone call made by a person confined in a jail or house of correction at a rate that exceeds the rate for a comparable telephone call made by a person confined in a state prison.

If a county jail currently has negotiated rates that are higher than DOC's this legislation would result in reduced county revenues. The Department is unable to estimate the fiscal impact of the loss of revenue for counties since each county independently determines telephone rates for county jails or a house of corrections.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications