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Senator Leibham:

Please review this substitute amendment to ensure that it is consistent with your intent. This substitute amendment makes it clear that a county may obtain reimbursement for expenses incurred for housing inmates in three ways: by charging an inmate while he or she is in jail, by filing a civil action in court against the former inmate, or by certifying as a debt the amount owed by the prisoner for tax intercept purposes.

The substitute amendment changes, from 12 months to 24 months, the time period in which a county must file a civil action against a former inmate for these charges and imposes the same 24-month time limit for a county to certify the debt for tax intercept purposes.

As we discussed, with the change to authorize either a civil action or a debt certification to get reimbursed, there is no need to amend the law regarding how long these debts can be collected. The same time limits for collection that now operate for any other certified debt will apply here.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this substitute amendment.

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