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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **JAIL STANDARDS COMMISSION**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill creates the Colorado Jail Standards Commission. It will increase state and local workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the bill draft requested by the Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems.

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Colorado Jail Standards Commission to create standards for the operation of Colorado's county jails, provide ongoing oversight of the county jails, and update standards as necessary. The commission consists of 11 members, including: sheriffs and county commissioners representing different areas of the state, people with lived experience of being incarcerated in a Colorado county jail, mental health and health professionals working in jails, jail rights advocates, jail employee advocates, and representatives from the Office of the State Public Defender and District Attorneys. The commission is required to develop initial standards, as detailed in the bill, by July 31, 2023.

State Expenditures

Workload will minimally increase for the Office of the State Public Defender to serve on the commission and for the Department of Human Services to appoint a member to the commission. No change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

Because the bill does not specify a lead agency to facilitate the work of the commission, the fiscal note has not identified costs for commission facilitation, standards drafting, and public outreach. The fiscal note assumes these costs will be incurred by a local government in FY 2022-23.

Similar to the state, workload will also increase for select sheriffs, county commissioners, district attorneys, and mental health professionals working in jails to serve on the commission.

Finally, new costs for county jails may be incurred in FY 2023-24 once standards are adopted by the commission; however, these potential costs will depend on future commission decision-making and cannot be estimated.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties
Municipalities

District Attorneys
Public Defender

Human Services
Sheriffs