

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis House Appropriations Committee

Concerning increasing operational efficiency of existing prison population management measures, and, in connection therewith, making and reducing an appropriation.

Prime Sponsors:

Senator Gonzales J.; Weissman
Representative Bacon; Zokaie

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/24/26.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

J.003 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill decreases appropriations to the Department of Corrections by \$214,518 General Fund in FY 2026-27. This amount is not aligned with the most recent fiscal note (04/24/26), which shows that the bill now requires a decrease of \$174,966 General Fund for the Department of Corrections.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.003

Staff amendment **J.003** (attached) changes the existing clause to reduce appropriations to the Department of Corrections by a total of \$174,966 General Fund in FY 2026-27. This aligns the bill with the Revised Fiscal Note.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2026-27 based on the March 2026 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$57.3 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 13.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders.

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2026 Legislation

Item	FY 2026-27
SB 26-149 (Pathways for Individuals with Mental Health Disorders)	\$23,222,868
Competency services	20,000,000
Potential prison capacity supplemental	5,900,000
Applied Behavioral Analysis Licensing	5,000,000
County Administration shared services	3,100,000
Medicaid Working Group	500,000
HB 26-1331 (Modify 2026 Interim Committees)	-396,469
Total - Placeholders for other legislation	\$57,326,399

General Fund Impact

This bill requires a General Fund decrease of \$174,966 for FY 2026-27, increasing the \$57.3 million set aside by the same amount.