

### **HB 25-1050: REGIONAL COUNTY JAIL APPROACH**

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Legislative

Oversight Committee Concerning Colorado Jails Standards.

### **Summary Information**

Overview. The bill allows exempts a county from the requirement to operate a county jail if it has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with another county to operate a multijurisdictional county jail.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

State Expenditures

Local Government

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

## Table 1 **State Fiscal Impacts**

	Budget Year	Out Year
Type of Impact	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

# **Summary of Legislation**

Current law requires every county with a population of 2,000 or more to operate a county jail. The bill exempts counties from the requirement that maintains an intergovernmental agreement or other contract with another county to operate a multijurisdictional county jail.

# **State Expenditures**

Starting in FY 2025-26, expenditures in the Department of Corrections (DOC) could increase if consolidation of jails decreases the number of available beds for the DOC jail backlog. The state currently reimburses jails at a per diem rate of \$77.16. This may result in increased costs in the DOC to find a different placement. Because it is unknown what jails will consolidate, and its impact on the jail backlog (if any), any impacts will be addressed through the annual budget process.

#### **Local Government**

The bill increases workload for counties that develop, negotiate, and enter into intergovernmental agreements or other contracts. The bill may decrease costs for counties that pool resources to run a multijurisdictional jail facility.

### **Effective Date**

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

#### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Law Personnel Public Safety Sheriffs