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sHB-6787

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROSECUTION OF CANNABIS-RELATED CASES AND MODIFICATION OF SENTENCES FOR CANNABIS-RELATED OFFENSES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Correction, Dept.	GF - Potential Savings	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the court to order a hearing on cannabis-related cases sentenced before passage of the bill to potentially modify the sentence resulting in a potential marginal savings to the Department of Correction to the extent inmate sentences are reduced. On average, the annual marginal savings to the state for releasing an offender is \$2,500.¹

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of inmates who have cannabis related sentences reduced.

¹ Inmate marginal savings is based on decreased consumables (e.g. food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.). This does not include a change in staffing costs or utility expenses because these would only be realized if a unit or facility closed.