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sHB-6787

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

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 8169)

House Calendar No.: 419

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 courts to discharge certain cannabis offenders from custody or shorten sentences if specific conditions are met, resulting in a potential marginal savings to the Department of Correction (DOC) to the extent inmate sentences are reduced. On average, the annual marginal savings to the state for releasing an offender is \$2,500.¹

House "A" strikes various sections which removes the potential marginal savings to the DOC resulting in the fiscal impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

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.

continue into the future subject to the number of inmates whose sentences are shortened.