



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 149

Committee: Finance and Taxation General Fund Sponsor: Senator Arthur Orr

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Senate Bill 149 as introduced would increase the obligations of the State General Fund by an estimated \$1.0 million in fiscal year 2024 and \$4.0 million in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter to increase the daily rate for the feeding of prisoners in county jails from \$2.25 per day to \$3.00 per day. In addition, this bill would increase the amount that may be requested from the Emergency Prisoner Feeding Fund by sheriffs and county commissions for cost overruns from \$25,000 to 50,000, which could increase the obligations of the Emergency Prisoner Feeding Fund. However any increased obligations to this Fund would be offset by an undetermined amount, up to a maximum of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, depending on the ending balance of the Emergency Prisoner Feeding Fund at the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year from the increase in the annual State General Fund appropriation provided pursuant to the provisions of this bill.

Further, this bill would authorize a sheriff or county commission to use funds from any source for feeding of prisoners and would prohibit the Department of Finance from considering other funds transferred to the sheriff for feeding prisoners when validating a cost overrun.