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SB 416

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: April 10, 2023

Agency Submitting: Department of Corrections

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
Revenue Reduction Commisary (Revenue)		($4,217,233)	($4,217,233)	($8,434,466)
Revenue Reduction - Package (Revenue)		($614,778)	($614,778)	($1,229,556)
Room and Board Reduction (Revenue)		($482,899)	($482,899)	($965,798)
Discharge of Debt (Revenue)		($71,713)	($71,713)	($143,426)
$100 for Released Offenders (Revenue)		$97,542	$97,542	$195,085
Co-Pay Elimination (Revenue)		($187,107)	($187,107)	($374,215)
AB 389 Reimbursements (Revenue)		($638,466)	($638,466)	($1,276,931)
Total	0	($6,114,654)	($6,114,654)	($12,229,307)

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

This bill, if enacted, would result in reduced revenue to NDOC, through limiting the mark-up on products sold to inmates, removing room and board deductions if the offender is making less than minimum wage, discharging of debt when an offender is released and elimination of certain co-pays and reimbursements for medical services. These revenues fund numerous staff and program costs. Therefore, an alternative revenue source would need to be identified or programs and staff would have to be eliminated as the fund would face solvency issues.

In regard to removing the limits on the amount of goods that offenders can purchase per month from the commissary, it is unknown how much additional sales would occur. If a significant increase of sales were experienced, NDOC would need to add additional staff, storage and equipment to handle the increased volume of products to be stored and distributed to offenders.

The bill also increases costs by providing offenders with $100 each upon release from NDOC custody.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

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The agency's response appears reasonable.

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