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sHB-6491

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPONS.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 8370)

House Calendar No.: 402

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Correction, Dept.; Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes changes to laws regarding electronic defense weapons and results in a potential cost for incarceration or probation and a potential revenue gain from fines. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$2,200¹ while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$700² each year.

House "A" changes the effective date of the bill to July 1, 2021 and results in a potential marginal cost for incarceration and probation and

¹ Inmate marginal cost is based on increased 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 opened.

² Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant. This does not include a cost for additional supervision by a probation officer unless a new offense is anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.

potential revenue from criminal fines in FY 22.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations.