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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 426** HLS 25RS 963

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> May 7, 2025	7:26 PM	<b>Author:</b> CARTER, WILFORD
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Sheriffs, District Attorneys, and State Public Defender		
<b>Subject:</b> Factors in Fixing the Amount of Bail and Modifications of Bail		<b>Analyst:</b> Daniel Druilhet

BAIL

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Provides for the factors in fixing the amount of bail and modifications of bail

Current law requires bail to be fixed in an amount that will ensure the presence of the defendant, as required, and the safety of any other parson and the community with regard to several enumerated factors; relative to modifications of bail, authorizes the court having trial jurisdiction over the offense charged, on its own motion or on the motion of the prosecuting attorney or defendant, for good cause, to either increase or reduce the amount of bail, or require new or additional security. Proposed law adds as a factor in fixing the amount of bail that consideration shall be given to the presumption of innocence until the defendant is proven guilty; provides that when a motion to reduce the amount of bail is filed, the motion is required to be heard no later than 30 days after the motion is filed unless good cause is shown by the state or the court.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

District Courts and District Attorneys

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in workload in local district courts and district attorneys’ offices, to the extent that any additional hearings are held on motions to reduce the amount of bail. Proposed law has the effect of potentially increasing the number of filings and related hearings for motions to reduce bail. The exact fiscal impact to district courts and district attorneys is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of instances in which hearings will be scheduled and conducted on these matters under proposed law as a result of filings submitted by individuals seeking to reduce their bail.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

- ☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- ☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}
- ☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
- ☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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