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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Williams

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- County probation systems will see a minimal increase in post-release supervision costs for a likely small number of additional offenders granted judicial release under the bill who would not have been granted judicial release under current law.
- The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) will see a reduction in prison costs for incarcerating certain offenders offset somewhat by increased post-release supervision costs in cases where the Department retains supervision in lieu of a county provider.

### Detailed Analysis

The bill prohibits a court from denying judicial release based solely on the classification of the offense. Under continuing law, a sentencing court may reduce an eligible offender's nonmandatory prison term through a judicial release process. The overall number of individuals who may be released under the bill but who are denied release under current law and practice is indeterminate, but likely small based on the overall number of offenders released.

To the extent that the bill may increase the number of people released from prison, county supervision systems will see an increase in post-release supervision costs for a likely small number of additional offenders annually.

The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) will see a reduction in prison costs for incarcerating certain offenders offset somewhat by increased post-release supervision costs in cases where the Department retains supervision in lieu of a county provider. According to the

DRC 2025 Annual Report, the average institutional cost to house an offender was \$109.57 per day or \$39,993 per year.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Institutional costs are calculated by dividing all DRC operating costs by the number of housed offenders, for a certain period of time. Included in this cost are items such as employee salaries, building costs and maintenance, and other items of expense that are incurred regardless of inmate population.