

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill Summary

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The measure authorizes the Office of Juvenile Affairs to use chemical agents or stun-guns for self defense.

Fiscal Summary

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HB 2729 limits the use of chemical agents and electroshock weapons in certain facilities.

Fiscal Analysis

HB 2729 authorizes the limited use of pepper spray or tasers in an Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) secure facility to be minimal and prohibited, except as specifically provided for in OJA rules.

The cost of equipment and training for the staff of the proper use of any pepper spray or taser equipment according to OJA would be negligible, with an estimate of \$7,500 for both the equipment and the training of staff. OJA supports the limited use of pepper spray or tasers as outlined in the bill and has prepared to submit such rules.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

Rules being proposed by OJA would specify any use of pepper spray in facilities that house a combination of delinquents and youthful offenders, would only be deployed in situations that involved physical harm. Rules would also state the condition of tasers would only be allowed in facilities that solely house youthful offenders and only in life threatening situations.

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