

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill Summary

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The measure creates a pilot program within the Department of Corrections to provide comprehensive re-entry and diversion services to female offenders with children in order to facilitate long-term reintegration.

Fiscal Summary

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The proposed committee substitute for HB2998 authorizes the Department of Corrections to implement a pilot program to reduce the high rate of female incarceration and to develop a more comprehensive curriculum of community-based diversion programs and reentry services for female inmates with children. The pilot program will develop partnerships within communities to assist in providing support services and employment opportunities as well as a diversion program that provides comprehensive services and treatment to female offenders with children.

Fiscal Analysis

The pilot program will be funded with a \$500,000 donation from the George Kaiser Family Foundation, provided the state matches the donation, to give the program a first year budget of \$1,000,000. The fiscal impact for FY-11 would be \$500,000.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

Every person the program is successful in diverting from prison will save the state approximately \$56 per day or \$20,000 annually. If at least fifty women are diverted from prison every year, the program will pay for itself. Any additional diversions would result in cost savings to the state. In addition, there will be fewer children in state custody and other savings such as court costs, district attorney costs, and county jail costs.

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