

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 57th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB 2897 |
| Version: | INT |
| Request Number: | 9875 |
| Author: | Rep. Humphrey |
| Date: | 2/12/2020 |
| Impact: | DOC: FY-21: minimal; possible health care costs in future years |

Research Analysis

HB 2897 allows the Department of Corrections to establish designated outdoor smoking areas for inmates. The Department of Corrections may sell tobacco products in its correctional facilities' canteen systems and tobacco products purchased from a canteen system shall not be considered contraband.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2897, as introduced, upon review and with consultation from the Department of Corrections (DOC), is determined to have a minimal fiscal and revenue impact on the agency. DOC estimates the agency will be able to absorb the costs of creating outdoor smoking areas and the revenue from sales of tobacco products will be minimal as inmates have caps on the amounts they are allowed to spend.

There is potential for future costs regarding health care due to inmate smoking. The exact cost is not quantifiable at this time: the ultimate impact will depend on how many inmates choose to smoke and use tobacco products.

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Other Considerations

None.