

HB 25-1050: REGIONAL COUNTY JAIL APPROACH

Prime Sponsors:

Rep. Garcia Sen. Amabile

Bill Outcome: Signed into Law **Drafting number:** LLS 25-0302

Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill, which was recommended by the

Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Colorado Jails Standards.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill allows exempts a county from the requirement to operate a county jail if it has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with another county to operate a multijurisdictional county jail.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

State Expenditures

Local Government

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Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

	Budget Year	Out Year
Type of Impact	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

Current law requires every county with a population of 2,000 or more to operate a county jail. The bill exempts counties from the requirement that maintains an intergovernmental agreement or other contract with another county to operate a multijurisdictional county jail.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2025-26, expenditures in the Department of Corrections (DOC) could increase if consolidation of jails decreases the number of available beds for the DOC jail backlog. The state currently reimburses jails at a per diem rate of \$77.16. This may result in increased costs in the DOC to find a different placement. Because it is unknown what jails will consolidate, and its impact on the jail backlog (if any), any impacts will be addressed through the annual budget process.

Local Government

The bill increases workload for counties that develop, negotiate, and enter into intergovernmental agreements or other contracts. The bill may decrease costs for counties that pool resources to run a multijurisdictional jail facility.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on March 14, 2025.

State and Local Government Contacts

Law Public Safety
Personnel Sheriffs