

HB 25-1072: PRETRIAL RELEASE FOR REPEAT VIOLENT OFFENSES

Prime Sponsors:

Rep. Caldwell; Bird Sen. Pelton B.

Bill Outcome: Postponed Indefinitely **Drafting number:** LLS 25-0654

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Fiscal note status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Judiciary Committee on March 12, 2025; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill would have required a minimum bond of \$7,500 for crimes of violence if certain conditions are met.

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

• State Expenditures

Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation was 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

Unless the district attorney consents to an unsecured personal recognizance bond, the bill requires the court to set a secured monetary bond if a person is accused of a crime of violence; there is probable cause to believe the person committed the offense; and the person has committed a crime of violence within two years, or has two or more charges pending for a crime of violence. The bill sets the minimum bond for these persons to \$7,500.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2025-26, workload for the trial courts within the Judicial Department may increase to determine probable cause when setting bond. In addition, workload will increase in the department to update the bond schedule. This additional workload is expected to be minimal and no change in appropriation is required.

Local Government

The bill increases the likelihood that more individuals will be held in a county jail instead of being released on bond, increasing costs to county jails by an indeterminate amount.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed and applies to offenses committed on or after this date.

State and Local Government Contacts

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