

HB 25-1304: EXTENSION OF RESTITUTION DEADLINES

Prime Sponsors:

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill updates the timeline for courts to determine restitution owed by a defendant.

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

Minimal State Workload

Local Government

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

Restitution compensates victims for losses caused by a defendant's criminal actions. Courts must determine restitution based on information provided by prosecuting attorneys.

Under current law, restitution must be determined within 91 days after a conviction order is entered. The court may extend its deadline for determining restitution if good cause is shown.

Under the bill, if the prosecuting attorney presents restitution information within 91 days after the conviction order, the court may determine restitution within 91 days, or within 182 days following the conviction order, whichever comes first. If the information is presented prior to the conviction order, the court's determination deadline remains 91 days after the conviction order. The bill preserves the court's ability to extend the deadline for determining restitution for good cause.

State Expenditures

If longer restitution timelines lead to more court time, workload to trial courts will increase. However, because the courts may already extend the timeline for good cause, any increase is expected to be minimal.

Local Government

Similar to the state, if longer restitution timelines increase the time for cases, workload to district attorney offices will increase. Any increase is assumed to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

District Attorneys

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