

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 621

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Stanley

3. Committee: Senate Courts of Justice

4. Title: Amendment of convictions

5. Summary:

The proposed legislation would authorize a court to amend a felony conviction, other than one for a violent offense, to a conviction of a misdemeanor pursuant to the terms and conditions of a plea agreement in a sentencing order if the court determined that the terms and conditions of the agreement have been met.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

By allowing a court to reduce a felony conviction to that of a misdemeanor, the proposed legislation could have a fiscal impact upon the state by reducing the number of prison beds needed. However, because it is not known to what extent this authority would be used, it is not possible to determine how many fewer beds would be needed.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Corrections
Local and regional jails

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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