

Department of Planning and Budget

2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 2309

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Melvin

3. Committee House Courts of Justice

4. Title **Conditions of supervised probation**

5. Summary/Purpose:

The proposed legislation prohibits keeping offenders on supervised probation solely because of failure to make full payment of fines, fees, costs, or restitution.

6. Fiscal Impact: Preliminary. See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: None.

8. Fiscal implications:

The Department of Corrections (DOC) estimates that there are approximately 4,500 offenders on supervised probation who have satisfied all the conditions of probation except for payment of their court-ordered costs, fees, fines, or restitution and whose release from supervised probation would not constitute a threat to public safety.

The effect of the legislation, if enacted, would be to reduce DOC's overall supervision caseload, thereby decreasing the need for additional probation officers in the near future. It could have a beneficial impact on public safety because it would enable probation officers to spend more time supervising those offenders who pose a risk to public safety.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Department of Corrections

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: None.

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