



[HF 2531](#) – Nuisances, Adult Establishments (LSB5507HV.2)
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Description

[House File 2531](#) provides the circumstances where an adult establishment may be deemed to be a public safety nuisance and provides penalties. The Bill establishes when a city or county attorney may file suit to seek relief from an adult cabaret that has been deemed a public nuisance.

Background

Iowa Code chapter [657](#) establishes what constitutes a nuisance and provides penalties. A person who is convicted of constructing, causing, or continuing a public or common nuisance is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

An aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for up to two years and a fine of at least \$855 but not more than \$8,540.

Assumptions

- The following will not change over the projection period: charge, conviction, and sentencing patterns and trends; prisoner length of stay (LOS); revocation rates; plea bargaining; and other criminal justice system policies and practices.
- A delay of six months is assumed from the effective date of this Bill to the date of first entry of affected offenders into the correctional system.
- Marginal costs for county jails cannot be estimated due to a lack of data. For purposes of this analysis, the marginal cost for county jails is assumed to be \$50 per day.

Correctional Impact

House File 2531 creates a new criminal offense, and the correctional impact cannot be estimated due to a lack of existing conviction data. **Figure 1** shows estimates for sentencing to State prison, parole, probation, or community-based corrections (CBC) residential facilities; LOS in months under those supervisions; and supervision marginal costs per day for aggravated misdemeanors. Refer to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Cost Estimates Used for Correctional Impact Statements](#), dated January 16, 2024, for information related to the correctional system.

Figure 1 — Sentencing Estimate and Length of Stay (LOS)

Conviction Offense Class	Percent Ordered to State Prison	FY 2023 Avg LOS in Prison (All Releases)	Marginal Cost Per Day Prison	Percent Ordered to Probation	FY23 Field Avg LOS on Probation	Avg Cost Per Day on Probation	Percent Sentenced to CBC Residential Facility	Marginal Cost Per Day CBC	Percent Ordered to County Jail	Marginal Cost Per Day Jail	FY23 Field Avg LOS on Parole	Marginal Cost Per Day Parole
Aggravated Misdemeanor (Non-Persons)	30.4%	7.5	\$24.94	45.0%	25.1	\$ 7.67	3.6%	\$ 20.00	71.7%	\$ 50.00	11.9	\$ 7.67

Minority Impact

House File 2531 creates a new criminal offense. As a result, the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP) of the Department of Management (DOM) cannot use existing data to estimate the minority impact of the Bill. Refer to the LSA memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Minority Impact Statement](#), dated January 16, 2024, for information related to minorities in the criminal justice system.

Fiscal Impact

House File 2531 creates a new criminal offense, and the fiscal impact cannot be estimated due to a lack of existing conviction data. The average State cost for an aggravated misdemeanor conviction ranges from \$7,500 to \$10,800. The estimated impact to the State General Fund includes operating costs incurred by the Judicial Branch, the Indigent Defense Fund, and the Department of Corrections (DOC). The cost would be incurred across multiple fiscal years for prison and parole supervision.

Sources

Department of Corrections
Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning, Department of Management
Legislative Services Agency

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