

Senate File 2368 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3137)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring cost-benefit analyses of county jail projects,
2 and including effective date provisions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **356.38 County jail cost-benefit**
2 **analysis — study.**

3 1. Before a county approves a project to build a new jail,
4 renovate fifty percent or more of the existing jail property,
5 or expand the grounds or structure of the jail, a county shall
6 conduct a study to determine the cost difference between the
7 project and contracting with another county to utilize the other
8 county's jail facilities.

9 2. The study shall include all of the following metrics:

10 a. The average monthly total prisoners booked into the
11 current jail, including the following information:

12 (1) County residents booked into the jail compared to
13 noncounty residents booked into the jail.

14 (2) Those booked at the current jail compared with those
15 needing to be booked at a jail in a different county but whose
16 case originated in the county.

17 b. The average food and medical costs per prisoner per year.

18 c. The average annual staffing costs.

19 d. The average annual equipment costs including depreciation,
20 replacement costs, and required planning costs for the following
21 five years.

22 e. The average costs for transporting prisoners to and from
23 the jail.

24 f. A list of surrounding counties' jails including the
25 following information:

26 (1) The rated capacities of each jail.

27 (2) The actual capacity of each jail.

28 3. The study shall be accessible to the public and available
29 for review upon request and at each meeting at which the county
30 considers the measure of the project.

31 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
32 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

33 **EXPLANATION**

34 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
35 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

1 This bill requires a county to conduct a study before
2 approving a project to build a new jail, renovate 50 percent
3 or more of the existing jail property, or expand the grounds
4 or structure of the jail. The study must compare the cost
5 difference between the project and contracting with another
6 county to utilize the other county's jail facilities.

7 The study shall include all of the following metrics: (1)
8 the average monthly total prisoners booked into the current jail,
9 including county residents, noncounty residents, those booked
10 at the current jail, and those needing to be booked at a jail
11 in a different county but whose case originated in the county;
12 (2) the average food and medical costs per prisoner per year;
13 (3) the average annual staffing costs; (4) the average annual
14 equipment costs including depreciation, replacement costs, and
15 required planning costs for the following five years; (5) the
16 average costs for transporting prisoners to and from the jail;
17 and (6) a list of surrounding counties' jails including the rated
18 capacities of each jail and the actual capacity of each jail.

19 The study shall be made accessible to the public and available
20 for review upon request and at each meeting at which the county
21 considers the measure of the project.

22 The bill takes effect upon enactment.