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TO: Honorable Jim McReynolds, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1714 by Dutton (Relating to the repeal of the authority of a county to contract with a private entity for jail facilities.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code and the Health and Safety Code regarding contracts between counties and a private vendor for professional services related to a correctional facility. The bill would repeal Subchapter F, Chapter 351, Local Government Code, to remove from statute the authority of a county commissioners court to contract with a private organization to place inmates in a detention facility operated by the organization.

The proposed change in law would not apply to a contract executed under Subchapter F, Local Government Code, before the effective date of the bill. The bill would take effect immediately if it were to receive the required two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2009.

The Commission on Jail Standards does not anticipate any significant fiscal impact to the agency or the state as a result of the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

Because the provisions of the bill would not affect contracts between a county and a private vendor operating a correctional facility executed prior to the effective date of the bill, there would be no fiscal implications to counties contracting with a private vendor.

Source Agencies: 409 Commission on Jail Standards

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