Research Analysis

SB 603 provides that a risk and needs assessment is not required for any inmate who had a risk and needs assessment administered by personnel certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services within six months of being sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections. The measure also requires the Department of Corrections to administer a risk and needs assessment on each inmate and to develop an individualized case plan based on the results of the assessment to guide an inmate's rehabilitation while in the Department's custody in order to reduce the likelihood of recidivism.

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Fiscal Analysis

The ENGR version of SB 603 which requires DOC to administer a risk and needs assessment and to create an individualized case plan will have a significant impact on the DOC in FY-18 for one-time costs and is anticipated to have reoccurring costs for the next 5 years. The fiscal impact for SB 603 is grouped in the DOC’s estimated costs for all Justice Reform Task Force bills being heard this session. Many of these reforms include training for staff as well as an increase of inmates participating in certain programs. It is difficult to parse out the specific impact from SB 603 so the information provided below is the best estimate for SB 603. The eventual impact will be contingent upon if funds are available to proceed as scheduled.

According to DOC the significant costs from the passage of SB 603 will be (1) administering the risk/needs assessments (staff training and materials) and (2) increasing the number of offenders participating in programs. The cost of increasing inmates in programs over a 5 year period will be a DOC estimate of $80,163,624.95 and training staff on the risk/need assessment is a DOC estimated one-time cost of $133,948. See charts provided by DOC below.
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**Other Considerations**

None.

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