

PROJECTED FINANCIAL IMPACT ON ARAPAHOE COUNTY GOVERNMENT PRETRIAL SERVICES SHOULD SB20-161 BE ENACTED AS INTRODUCED WITH SUPERVISION AND MONITORING FEES WAIVED FOR PRETRIAL CLIENTS

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- The bill would prohibit charging a supervision fee before or during the pretrial supervision period. We currently charge defendants a 1 time \$50.00 supervision fee that is used to offset costs. In 2019 the Pretrial program collected \$46,000 in supervision fees
- The bill would prohibit charging fees to defendants for supervision conditions, such as GPS monitoring and electronic alcohol monitoring before or during supervision. Currently, fees for these services are paid by the defendants. The Arapahoe Pretrial program averages 140 defendants on GPS supervision. The cost to Arapahoe County Government of waiving these client-paid monitoring fees will range between \$217,000 and \$255,000 per year. As to electronic monitoring fees, with approximately 55 defendants on electronic alcohol monitoring at any one time it is estimated that it would cost the County between \$90,000 and \$110,000 per year if the fees are waived.
- The bill also would prohibit charging for court-ordered random urine screens. Arapahoe Pretrial services averages about 620 defendants court ordered to submit random urine screens per month. Each defendant submits an average of 3 urine screens per month, for a total monthly average of 1,860. The costs of urine screens vary between \$12 and \$26 per test. At minimum the monthly estimated cost would be \$22,000 and at least \$267,000 annually.
- The bill does allow for the supervision and monitoring fees to be assessed upon conviction as costs of prosecution, unless the defendant qualifies for Public Defender representation. We would expect the recovery of supervision fees post-conviction to be very limited as approximately 80% of those supervised are represented by the Public Defender.
- There may also be staffing implications resulting from this bill. Each additional staff person will cost at least \$78,000 per year.

The projected annual total for all of these supervision and monitoring services will range between \$620,000 and \$756,000 for Arapahoe County Government should SB20-161 be enacted as introduced!