



Costs Related to Implementing Proposed Substitute HB 1592

\$ What's the Cost?

Counties currently spend over \$200 million dollars annually on costs related to public defense. Counties face about a 10% annual cost increase under the Supreme Court's June 2025 caseload order. Labor market shifts could push that number higher or lower.

🕒 The Proposed Substitute Allows Time to Implement

Counties *are not* requesting state funds in the 2026 budget cycle, the proposed substitute phases in the original cost sharing requirement of the bill over an eight year timeline.



The proposed substitute does not require an appropriation in this budget cycle.

Starting in FY 2028, the state's phased-in share **requires annual appropriations that grow from \$2.4 million to \$85 million** as the statutory percentages increase.

PUBLIC DEFENSE

State Costs with the Proposed Substitute to HB 1592

	FISCAL YEAR	ANTICIPATED STATEWIDE EXPENDITURES	STATE % SHARE REQUIRED BY STATUTE	ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION REQUIRED BY STATUTE	INCREASE OVER PRIOR APPROPRIATION
	2025	\$242M	0%	\$13.6M	\$0
	2026	\$266M	0%	\$13.6M	\$0
	2027	\$293M	0%	\$13.6M	\$0
START OF PHASED IN SHARE	2028	\$322M	5%	\$16.1M	\$2.5M
	2029	\$354M	10%	\$35.4M	\$19.3M
	2030	\$389M	20%	\$77.8M	\$42.4M
	2031	\$428M	35%	\$149.8M	\$72M
	2032	\$471M	50%	\$235.5M	\$85.7M
	2033	\$518M	50%+future costs	\$282.5M	\$47M

