

Senate Fiscal Summary

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Senate Bill 549

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Agency:	Department of Corrections
Senate Author:	Hines
House Author:	
FY'26 Impact:	No Impact
Full Year Impact:	No Impact

Bill Summary and Fiscal Analysis:

SB 549 would establish a maximum fine of \$5,000.00 and/or a maximum term of imprisonment of 7 years if someone is found to have willfully assisted another person in taking his or her own life. If a person is found to have been a proximate cause of such an action, they will be subject to the sentencing provisions described above. If a person is found to have attempted to aid someone in taking their own life but the person did not die, they shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000.00 and/or a maximum term of imprisonment of 2 years. If a person is found to have been a proximate cause of such an action that did not result in the loss of life, they will be subject to the sentencing provisions described above. The measure imposes a \$500.00 fine and/or maximum term of imprisonment of 1 year for any person guilty of using communication technology to harass, intimidate, or terrify a person. The penalty is increased to \$1,000.00 and 2 years for the second offense. Third and subsequent offenses shall subject the violator to a fine of \$5,000.00-\$10,000.00 and/or a term of imprisonment not to exceed 10 years. The Department of Corrections states they currently do not have anyone within their custody sentenced pursuant to the assisted suicide statutes or their penalty statutes (21 OS 813, 814,815,817 or 818). There are currently two individuals within the custody of the Department with controlling cases pursuant to 21 OS 1172. The Department states these changes would have a minimal or no fiscal impact and could be absorbed.

Fiscal Impact provided by the Department of Corrections