

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

CSA1 Bill Id:AB 248 Author:(Bryan)

As Amended Ver:June 27, 2025

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Authorizes the County Board of Supervisors to determine a wage to be credited to each prisoner if the prisoner is confined in or committed to a county jail and performs a work assignment.

Senate Amendments

Clarify that "sum" means a "sum of money."

COMMENTS

As passed by the assembly: This bill authorized the County Board of Supervisors to determine a wage to be credited to each prisoner if the prisoner is confined in or committed to a county jail and performs a work assignment.

According to the Author

"AB 248 will remove the arbitrary and harmful wage cap in place for incarcerated workers throughout our state's jails, and allow counties to provide their incarcerated workers with pay they deem equitable."

Arguments in Support

According to *California Attorneys for Criminal Justice*, "Incarcerated workers are workers and deserve to earn monetary wages. Currently, incarcerated workers in county jails do not earn monetary wages in over 90% of California's counties. In most counties, incarcerated workers are provided with sentence credits or other informal forms of "compensation" such as additional recreational time. Paying fair wages to incarcerated workers has both fiscal and non-fiscal benefits for the workers, their families, and society at large. First, paying incarcerated workers fair wages would allow them the potential to save money while incarcerated, which in turn would help them get back on their feet post-release. This would positively impact recidivism rates, as well as reincarceration expenditures and crime costs for society at large."

Arguments in Opposition

According to *California State Sheriffs' Association*, "AB 248 could create significant fiscal pressure on counties already facing challenging budget times. Counties would likely be forced to consider a substantial new cost when determining if and how to deploy inmate workers. Inmates are already eligible to earn credit toward early release by completing work assignments as well as some form of monetary compensation. AB 248 would create pressure on counties to increase the fiscal recompense provided to inmate workers, thereby potentially limiting the availability of opportunities for work while incarcerated."

FISCAL COMMENTS

Unknown. This bill is keyed non-fiscal by the Legislative Counsel.

VOTES:**ASM PUBLIC SAFETY: 6-0-3**

YES: Schultz, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Nguyen, Sharp-Collins

ABS, ABST OR NV: Alanis, Lackey, Ramos

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 51-12-17

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Caloza, Carrillo, Connolly, Elhawary, Fong, Gabriel, Garcia, Gipson, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lee, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Patel, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Soria, Stefani, Valencia, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NO: Castillo, Chen, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Ellis, Gallagher, Jeff Gonzalez, Hadwick, Macedo, Sanchez, Tangipa

ABS, ABST OR NV: Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Bauer-Kahan, Calderon, Essayli, Flora, Irwin, Lackey, Papan, Patterson, Ramos, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Solache, Ta, Wallis

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