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NATURE OF STORY: **SHERIFF PLANS TO TAKE INMATE FEE PROPOSAL BEFORE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

DETAILS:

The Sheriff's Office plans to propose a fee system for inmates housed in Lane County Adult Correctional Facilities. The fees will help to off set the costs associated with the housing of inmates.

Below is a breakdown of the proposed fees:

- \$2 Medical request fee – for all inmates except Federal and INS holds
- \$20 Follow-up medical appointment fee – for all sentenced inmates except Federal and INS holds
- \$10 Daily housing fee – for all sentenced inmates except Federal and INS holds
- It is proposed that the fees will be deducted from money the inmate has in their possession when coming to jail.
- It is proposed that no more than 50% of monies given to inmates by others during their stay in adult correctional facilities shall be taken for fees.

- It is proposed that the program have a sunset date. The fee system will be evaluated to determine the fiscal impact and long-term effects on inmate health care.

Federal and INS inmates are exempt from the proposed fee system. The Sheriff's Office charges the federal government for the housing of these inmates.

Inmates who are indigent will still receive basic medical treatment and care while in the custody of the Sheriff's Office.

The proposal was approved in substance by the County's Finance and Audit Committee last week and will go before the full Board of County Commissioners in the next 60 days for considerations.

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