



County of Monterey

Item No.26

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
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Matter Type: BoS Resolution

Adopt a resolution requiring the Superior Court of Monterey County to impose an assessment of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) upon every person who violates the provisions enumerated in Penal Code §853.7a (failure to appear).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

Adopt a resolution requiring the Superior Court of Monterey County to impose an assessment of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) upon every person who violates the provisions enumerated in Penal Code §853.7a (failure to appear).

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Penal Code §853.7a authorized a county, by resolution of the board of supervisors, to require the courts of that county to impose an assessment of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) upon every person who violates his or her written promise to appear or a lawfully granted continuance of his or her promise to appear in court or before a person authorized to receive a deposit of bail, or who otherwise fails to comply with any valid court order for a violation of any provision of this code or local ordinance adopted pursuant to this code.

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the county warrant system. All money so deposited shall be used first for the development and operation of an automated county warrant system. If sufficient funds are available after appropriate expenditures to develop, modernize, and maintain the automated warrant system, a county may use the balance to fund a warrant service task force for the purpose of serving all bench warrants within the county.

It is estimated that the increased assessment will generate additional annual revenues of approximately \$60,000.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

County Counsel has reviewed as to legal form, and the Auditor/Controller has reviewed for fiscal provisions.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan Goals [Include one or two sentences referencing the Ordinance, Code, Board Order/Resolution, etc. in relation to this selection]:

- ☐ Well-Being and Quality of Life
- ☐ Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- ☒ Safe and Resilient Communities

- ☐ Diverse and Thriving Economy
- ☐ Dynamic Organization and Employer of Choice

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Attachments:

Penal Code Section 853.7a

Resolution