



# Senator Tom Harman

## *SB 1364 Fact Sheet*



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SB 1364, is enabling legislation that will allow CDCR and county sheriffs to set up a program to charge inmates in their facilities nominal fees for discretionary charges.

SB 1364 will give CDCR and county sheriffs the ability to off set some of the costs incurred for incarcerating prisoners at a time when the state is slashing their budgets. SB 1364 is similar to a program set up by the Bristol County Sheriff in Massachusetts. In a two year time frame this one county jail raised over \$700,000.

Sheriffs' in other states such as Arizona and Florida have also instituted inmate fees. Hardworking taxpayers and schools are struggling to get by in this economic down turn and have been forced to make tough sacrifices; inmates should not be recession proof.

Specifically, SB 1364 will,

- Provides CDCR and county Sheriffs the flexibility to set up a fee program that best suits their facility.
- Provides basic guidelines. The bill sets a daily limit which an inmate cannot be charged over \$25 a day in fees. The bill will require the facility to set up a process by which an inmate can appeal imposed fees. The bill prohibits the assessment of fees for services required by the constitution and case law as well as emergency medical care.
- If an inmate is unable to pay the fees they will receive a bill at the end of their sentence and if the inmate remains out of the facility for two years the bill will be **forgiven**, the inmate will not be responsible for the fee.

Senator Harman welcomes your support and input of this important legislation. If you would like to be of assistance, please contact Megan Stineman in his Capitol office at (916) 651-4035.