

The Cost of

Proposition 36

It costs **\$136,000** to imprison one person for a year in California.

A group of prosecutors and businesses **wants to incarcerate 65,000 more people**, mostly for personal drug possession.

They want us to pay for it.

Part 1: The Fiscal Impact

- The measure would cost taxpayers more than **\$4.5 billion each year in perpetuity**.
- The measure would **cut funding** for existing programs that increase graduation rates in California schools.
- Cut funding for treatment and support for **victims of crime**.
- **Defund California's most successful community-based programs** that have been demonstrated to reduce homelessness and prevent crime.

Part 2: The Community Impact

- The measure would result in **65,000 more people in jails and prisons**.
- The measure would **incarcerate 45,000 Black and Brown Californians**, the vast majority of whom would be incarcerated for personal possession of drugs.
- Will result in one additional person being booked into jail every **5 minutes, forever**.
- Cause **1.3 million new admissions to county jails** over the course of 10 years.
- **72,000 people will not be helped through effective crime prevention programs**.¹
- **Approximately 100 school districts will see cuts to their school safety programs**.²

¹ This estimate is based on a reported 21,700 people receiving services over approximately three years. See BSCC, Prop 47 Grant Program: Cohort 2, <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish/EQBCT=ftcf46a86b2f4e8199bfff93cc5d20e81>.

² Eight-nine school districts have received funding through the first 4 cohorts. See California Department of Education, California Learning Communities for School Success Program, Funding Results, <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r8/lcssp2017results.asp>, <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r8/lcsspfundresult18-21.asp>, <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r8/lcsspintent19-22.asp>, and <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r8/lcsspintent20-23.asp>.

Part 3: The Policy Impact

- Turns possession of drugs for personal use after 2 convictions into a “treatment mandated” felony charge.
- Incarcerates people who do not succeed in treatment in county jail or state prison.
- Eliminates right to bail for people arrested for a treatment mandated felony and requires them to be held pending an individualized review.³
- New mandatory sentencing enhancements for people convicted of possessing a substance containing fentanyl.



**THE MEASURE'S
SPONSORS INCLUDE
SOME OF THE SAME
PEOPLE BEHIND THE
1994 "THREE STRIKES
AND YOU'RE OUT"
INITIATIVE.**

PROP 36 is UNSAFE!

In the next decade - Prop 36 will:

- **COST TAXPAYERS MORE THAN \$26 BILLION IN PRISON SPENDING**
- **CUT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR TREATMENT AND VICTIM SERVICES**
- **RETURN CALIFORNIA TO THE FAILED WAR ON DRUGS AND MASS INCARCERATION**

VOTENO!

#StopProp36

**STOP CUTS
To Local Safety Programs**

Prevention • Treatment • Victims Services • Reentry

³ This likely violates both the California and United States Constitutions. Defending this policy in court would likely cost the state additional millions of dollars.