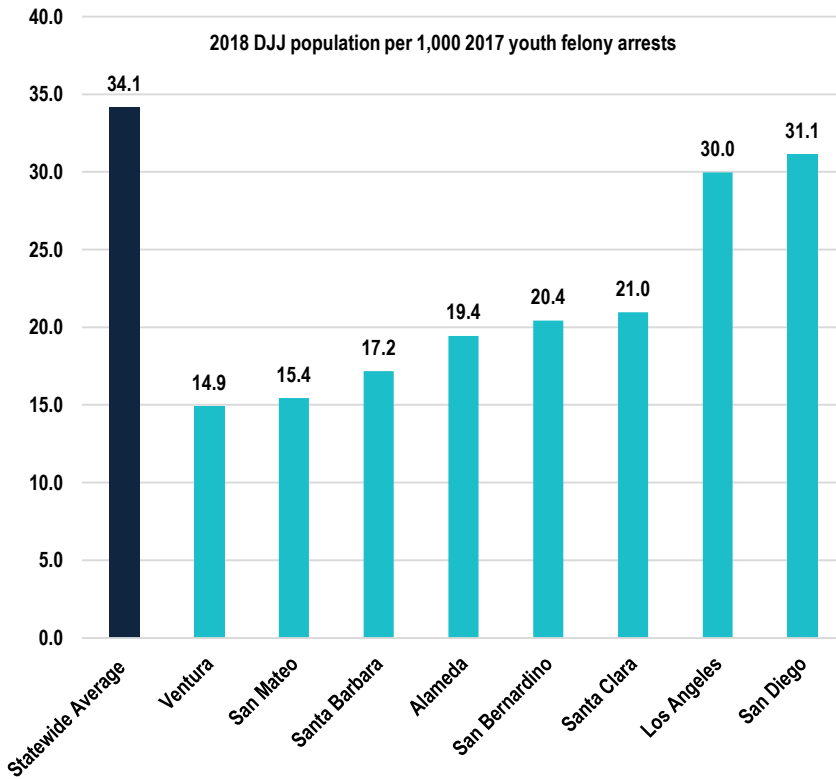


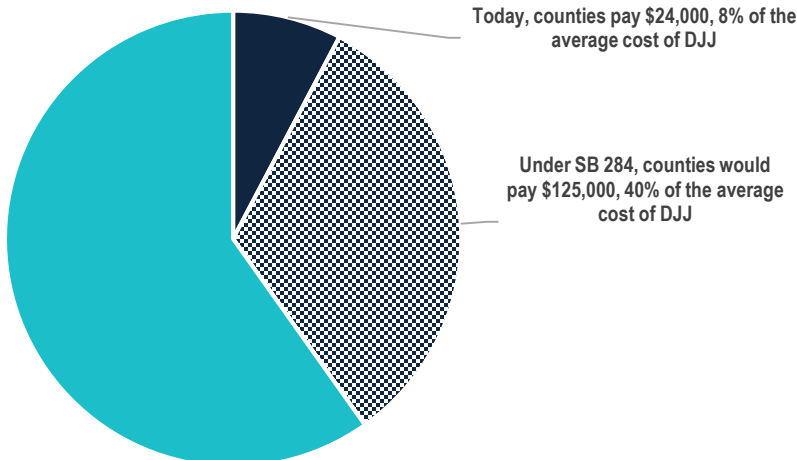
SB 284 (Beall): The Keep Youth Closer to Home Act

Currently, counties pay just \$24,000 to send a youth to the troubled state youth correctional system, the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). This creates a problematic incentive, encouraging counties to send youth to remote state facilities when a local alternative would better meet their needs. SB 284 increases this fee to \$125,000, placing DJJ on par with the cost of local placements and helping to keep youth closer to home.

- Counties with below-average reliance on DJJ continue to foot the bill for our costly state system



- In FY 2018-19, DJJ cost taxpayers \$311,000 per youth



- DJJ is inherently non-rehabilitative because it places youth far from their families and support networks in large, prison-like facilities



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- Counties have surplus bed space in close-to-home facilities and could absorb DJJ more 10 times over

