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Fiscal Note Memorandum

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Fiscal Assessment of L.001 to SB26-037

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendment L.001 to SB26-037. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of this amendment only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

Amendment L.001 requires judicial districts that elect to use judicial officers from their own judicial district instead of using a bond hearing officer to conduct their hearings during the district's assigned time slot under the existing weekend and holiday bond hearing office schedule. The district cannot conduct a hearing simultaneously to other bond proceedings conducted by bond hearing office staff and must designate on an annual basis if the district will use a bond hearing officer or their own judges.

Fiscal Impact of Amendment

L.001 removes the potential increase in expenditures for the Office of the State Public Defender (OSPD) by requiring judicial districts opting out of using a bond hearing officer to hold their hearings under the existing weekend and holiday bond hearing office schedule. This allows the OSPD's attorneys to continue to cover one schedule of bond hearings, instead of two, which removes their potential expenditure impact.



Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment

With L.001, the bill increases workload in the Judicial Department to ensure that judicial officers are able to access the various platforms used for bond hearings. In addition, to the extent more judicial officers hear weekend or holiday bond hearings, workload to that officer will increase while workload to the bond hearing officer will decrease.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts with Amendment L.001

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE