

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
House Appropriations Committee

Concerning changes to the "Victim Rights Act".

Prime Sponsors:

Representative Woog; Stewart R.
(None)

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendments in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/02/26.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

L.006 Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact and appropriation

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001

Staff amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates \$356,997 General Fund to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2026-27. The appropriation reflects 1.6 FTE.

L.006

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.006** (attached) eliminates the right for a victim to confer with the district attorney and request to retest forensic medical evidence if a crime laboratory employee engaged in wrongful action. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff concur that this change eliminates the bill's fiscal impact.

The Committee should adopt either J.001 or L.006, but not both.

Points to Consider

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2026-27 based on the March 2026 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$57.3 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders.

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2026 Legislation

Item	FY 2026-27
SB 26-149 (Pathways for Individuals with Mental Health Disorders)	23,222,868
Competency services	20,000,000
Potential prison capacity supplemental	5,900,000
Applied Behavioral Analysis Licensing	5,000,000
County Administration shared services	3,100,000
Medicaid Working Group	500,000
HB 26-1331 (Modify 2026 Interim Committees)	-396,469
Total - Placeholders for other legislation	\$57,326,399

General Fund Impact

If staff amendment **J.001** is adopted, this bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$356,997 for FY 2026-27, reducing the \$57.3 million set aside by the same amount. The bill is projected to require General Fund appropriations of \$422,119 in FY 2027-28 and future years.

If bill sponsor **L.006** is adopted, the bill will not have a fiscal impact.