

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning the regulation of lobbyists.

Prime Sponsors:

Senators Cutter; Pelton R.
Representatives Johnson; Froelich

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendments in Packet

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 3/31/2026.

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

The State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee Report (04/02/2026) includes amendments to the bill. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendment does not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

- J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
- L.008 /J.002 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 a total of \$140,400 cash funds from the Department of State Cash fund to the Department of State for FY 2026-27.

L.008 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.008** (attached) changes the fiscal impact of the bill. The amendment reduces IT costs because the Department is no longer required to update their tracking system to reflect a new categorization of

lobbyist to implement the legislation. LCS and JBC staff agree that the new cost would be \$91,000 cash funds if this amendment was adopted.

Staff amendment **J.002** (attached) appropriates \$91,000 cash funds from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State for FY 2026-27.

If the Committee adopts amendment **L.008** it should also adopt amendment **J.002**, and not amendment **J.001**.

Points to Consider

None.