

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning post-conviction relief for certain offenders sentenced to imprisonment.

Prime Sponsors:

Senator Gonzales J.; Weissman
(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 04/22/26.

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.002 /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 \$67,501 General Fund. This includes an increase of \$225,706 and 2.0 FTE for the Judicial Department and a decrease of \$158,206 for the Department of Corrections.

L.002 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) removes individuals who committed an offense when they were younger than 21 and have served at least 20 calendar years from the bill. This group would no longer be eligible to petition the court for post-conviction relief.

L.002 brings the fiscal impact of the bill to a net decrease of \$68,414 General Fund in FY 2026-27. This includes an increase of \$50,240 and 0.5 FTE for the Office of the State Public Defender and a decrease of \$118,654 for the Department of Corrections. LCS and JBC staff agree on the fiscal impact of the amendment. Amendment **J.002** includes these appropriations.

If the Committee adopts L.002 and J.002, it should not adopt J.001.

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 (OSP) 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 13.0 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

This bill requires a net General Fund appropriation of \$67,501 for FY 2026-27, reducing the \$57.3 million set aside by the same amount.

If the Committee adopts **L.002**, this bill requires a General Fund reduction of \$68,414 for FY 2026-27, increasing the \$57.3 million set aside by the same amount.