

**JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis**  
**House Appropriations Committee**

Concerning measures related to forms of abuse in cases regarding a separation of a relationship.

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**Prime Sponsors:**  
Representative Froelich; Story  
Senator Wallace

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**Fiscal Impacts**

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Appropriation Required, Amendments in Packet  
General Fund Impact

**Fiscal Note Status**

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The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/28/26.

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

**Amendments in This Packet**

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- J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
- L.004 & L.005 Bill Sponsor amendments - change fiscal impact

**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 \$173,920 General Fund to the Judicial Department for FY 2026-27. The appropriation reflects 1.2 FTE.

**L.004**

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.004** (attached) amends the Judiciary Committee Report. Among other changes, the provisions strike a reference to a fifty-two week domestic violence abuser intervention program, allowing for shorter treatment. This change is expected to reduce court processing time resulting from the bill.

## L.005

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.005** (attached) strikes provisions in the bill that included “health-related abuse” and “technological abuse” in the definition of domestic violence. Submission of evidence related to these two categories was expected to include a large volume evidence submission, requiring additional time for judicial processing.

*LCS and JBC Staff concur that if L.004 and L.005 are adopted, the bill’s fiscal impact is removed.*

**The Committee may adopt either J.001 or the combination of L.004 and L.005, but if it adopts L.004 and L.005 it should not adopt J.001.**

## Points to Consider

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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 \$42.3 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 (\$ in millions)

Item	FY 2026-27
SB 26-149 (Pathways for Individuals with Mental Health Disorders)	\$25.9
Potential prison capacity supplemental	5.9
Applied Behavioral Analysis Licensing	5.0
County Administration shared services	3.1
SB 26-042 Revenue Reclass	2.3
Medicaid Working Group	0.5
HB 26-1331 (Modify 2026 Interim Committees)	-0.4
<b>Total - Placeholders for other legislation</b>	<b>\$42.3</b>

### General Fund Impact

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation for FY 2026-27 of \$173,920 if **J.001** is adopted, reducing the \$42.3 million set aside by the same amount. If **L.004 and L.005** are adopted, this fiscal impact is removed.