

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis House Appropriations Committee

Concerning the consolidated administration of public assistance programs.

Prime Sponsors:

Representatives Brown; Sirota
Senators Bridges; Kirkmeyer

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Significant Appropriation Increase in Second and Third Year

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 05/06/26.

Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to new information or technical issues

After publication of the fiscal note, Legislative Council Staff and JBC staff received updated fund source details that increase the fiscal impact of the bill by a net \$228,918 total funds, including a reduction of \$865 General Fund. The updated information has the following impact on the appropriations required, as compared to the fiscal note.

Change in Fiscal Impact Shown in May 6 Fiscal Note

Department	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Early Childhood	-\$32,047	-\$32,047	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
Governor's Office - OIT	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Health Care Policy and Financing	254,644	24,858	1	229,785	0	0.0
Human Services	6,321	6,324	-2	0	-1	0.0
Law	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	\$228,918	-\$865	-\$1	\$229,785	-\$1	0.0

The reappropriated fund increase in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing is for funds received from the Departments of Early Childhood and Human Services, to be used for purchase of legal services and information technology services. Legislative Council Staff and JBC staff agree on the fiscal impacts of this update.

Amendments in This Packet

- J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
- L.001 Bill Sponsor amendment - does not 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 \$13.0 million, including \$3.0 million General Fund, to multiple departments for FY 2026-27, as shown in the following table. The appropriation reflects 9.8 FTE and the updated fiscal impact noted above.

FY 2026-27 Appropriations by Department and Fund Source

Department	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Early Childhood	\$222,598	\$222,598	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
Governor's Office - OIT	318,439	0	0	318,439	0	0.0
Health Care Policy and Financing	9,963,323	1,769,848	881,401	2,455,027	4,857,047	8.5
Human Services	2,172,114	968,791	459,294	0	744,029	0.0
Law	317,338	0	0	317,338	0	1.3
Total	\$12,993,812	\$2,961,237	\$1,340,695	\$3,090,804	\$5,601,076	9.8

Reappropriated funds in the Department of Law are for the provision of legal services. Reappropriated funds in the Governor’s Office are for the provision of information technology services by the Office of Information Technology.

L.001

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.001** (attached) makes changes to the bill including:

- adds legislative declarations expressing the General Assembly’s findings and intent;
- further details the requirements and provisions of performance-based contracts;
- updates and clarifies reporting requirements for the state departments;
- details the membership requirements of the implementation work group;
- further details the requirements for the implementation plan and its reporting; and
- Makes technical and conforming amendments.

Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that these changes do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

The Committee should adopt **J.001** and may **also adopt L.001**.

Points to Consider

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) 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 \$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 Classification TABOR)	2.3
Medicaid working group	0.5
HB 26-1331 (Modify 2026 Interim Committees)	-0.4
Total - Placeholders for other legislation	\$42.3

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2026-27 based on the March 2026 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2026-27 budget package \$3.1 million General Fund to be appropriated for implementation of this bill. The bill requires \$3.0 million General Fund, increasing the \$42.3 million set aside by \$0.1 million.

This bill is projected to require General Fund appropriations of \$3.7 million in FY 2027-28 and \$6.8 million and in FY 2028-29.