

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF COLORADO LAWS GOVERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/18/16.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee Report (02/22/16) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision: (1) eliminating the Department of State's 2016 Long Bill cash funds appropriation from the Department of State Cash Fund for Administrative Law Judge Services, and (2) reallocating \$122,765 of that appropriation to other line items in the Department of State for FY 2016-17. The provision also states that the new appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.5 FTE. The net effect is a reduction of \$40 cash funds. Please see the table on the following page for a summary of the changes.

Division and Line Item	Cash Funds Appropriations and FTE
(1) Administration, Administrative Law Judge Services	(\$122,805)
(2) Administration	
<i>Personal Services</i>	\$116,387 and 0.5 FTE
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	<u>6,378</u>
Total FY 2016-17 Appropriation	\$122,765 and 0.5 FTE
Net Change	(\$40)

Points to Consider

Related Budget Information

This bill requires the Department of State to appoint persons to serve as Administrative Law Judges and fund them as contractors, rather than securing Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) services through the Department of Personnel. An appropriation for ALJ services has already been accounted for in the Department's FY 2016-17 budget request. The attached appropriations clause simply reallocates the amount required by the bill from the ALJ Services line item to other line items in the Administration Division so the Department can fund Administrative Law Judges directly.

TABOR/Excess State Revenues Impact

Pursuant to Section 24-21-104, C.R.S., the Department is authorized to adjust fees so revenue approximates the Department's direct and indirect costs. In general, any fee increases by the Department will contribute to anticipated refunds under TABOR, reducing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes. However, the appropriation for this bill is already included in the Department's current estimate of the amount of revenue required to support expenditures from the Department of State Cash Fund in FY 2016-17. As a result, it should not require the Department to raise any additional cash fund revenues or have an impact under TABOR.