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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Zenzinger; Kirkmeyer Rep. Bird; Bockenfeld	Bill Status:	Senate Appropriations
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Bill Topic: DOL FUNDS FOR UNANTICIPATED STATE LEGAL NEEDS

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **Budget package bill.** The bill authorizes the Department of Law to use appropriations for litigation management to address unanticipated state legal needs. Appropriations for litigation management cannot be used to fund personal services adjustments. The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact on state and local governments.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its FY 2023-24 budget package.

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows the Department of Law (DOL) to use appropriations for litigation management to address unanticipated state legal needs during the fiscal year for which funds are appropriated. The department is prohibited from using these appropriations for employee salary increases, promotions, reclassifications, bonuses, or to offset personal service deficits in the department.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill codifies a longstanding footnote in the Long Bill for the DOL's litigation management appropriation. This results in no change to state or local government revenues or expenditures. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

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