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**Fiscal Note**

<b>Drafting Number:</b>	LLS 24-0824	<b>Date:</b>	February 20, 2024
<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Luck	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House State Affairs
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**Bill Topic:** **PUBLISH BILL DRAFTS ONLINE BEFORE SESSION**

<b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill creates a mechanism for legislators to publicly share drafts of legislation prior to the official introduction of the bills. It will increase state expenditures in FY 2024-25 only.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2024-25, the bill requires an appropriation of \$61,440 to the Legislative Department.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1022**

		<b>Budget Year FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2025-26</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$61,440	-
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>Other Budget Impacts</b>	General Fund Reserve	\$9,216	-

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires the General Assembly to create a mechanism through which legislators may publicly share the titles and contents of draft bills they are considering during the interim between legislative sessions. The bill titles and draft must be published on a website that is accessible by the public and be searchable by category, prime sponsor name, and draft bill assigned by the Office of Legislative Legal Services. All titles and bill drafts are required to be removed from the website on the day prior to the start of the next legislative session.

Legislators may share up to three different versions of each title, bill, or combination thereof, but only one version per bill may be published on any given day. Changes to the website that publishes potential titles and bill drafts can only be made on three days per year: 90, 60, and 30 days prior to the start of the next legislative session.

Each bill title or draft on the website must include the following disclaimer: "This is a draft of a bill that may or may not be introduced in the House of Representatives or the Senate of the Colorado General Assembly during the upcoming regular legislative session. The final decision-making authority regarding introduction of the bill rests exclusively with its legislative prime sponsor in the chamber in which the bill will first be introduced if it is introduced. This draft is not final and is subject to change both before and after introduction in the first chamber."

## **State Expenditures**

The bill increases state expenditures in the Legislative Department for FY 2024-25 by \$61,440.

**Legislative Council Staff.** The bill requires the General Assembly to make potential bill titles and drafts publicly available on a website. In order to create and develop the website, Legislative Council Staff will require approximately 480 hours of computer programming at \$128 per hour, for a total cost of \$61,440.

**Legislative Legal Services.** The bill will increase workload in the Office of Legislative Legal Services related to posting bill titles and drafts during the interim between legislative sessions. The increase can be absorbed within current appropriations.

## **Other Budget Impacts**

**General Fund reserve.** Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2024-25, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$61,440 to the Legislative Department.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).