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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: LANGUAGE ACCESS ADVISORY BOARD

Summary of Fiscal Impact:
State Revenue [] State Transfer [] Local Government [x]
State Expenditure [x] TABOR Refund [] Statutory Public Entity []

The bill creates the Language Access Advisory Board in the Legislative Department to study and make recommendations on improving language access to the legislative process for populations with limited English proficiency over the 2024 interim. The bill increases state expenditures and local workload in FY 2024-25 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2024-25, the bill requires an appropriation of \$29,741 to the Legislative Department.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1368

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2024-25, and Out Year FY 2025-26. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Centrally Appropriated, Total Expenditures, Total FTE), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Language Access Advisory Board in the Legislative Department to study and make recommendations on improving language access to the legislative process for populations with limited English proficiency over the 2024 interim. The Legislative Council Staff and Office of Legislative Legal Services will assist the board. The board must receive input from county clerks and the Secretary of State's office. All board members are entitled to travel expense reimbursements, and legislative members also receive per diem payments.

The board must convene its first meeting by July 31, 2024, meet at least four times over the 2024 interim, and report to the Executive Committee of Legislative Council by December 15, 2024, on its work and its recommendations.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the Legislative Department by about \$35,000 in FY 2024-25 only, paid from the General Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 24-1368

	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
Legislative Department		
Personal Services	\$22,047	-
Per Diem and Expense Reimbursements	\$7,694	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs ¹	\$4,767	-
Total Cost	\$34,508	-
Total FTE	0.3 FTE	-

¹ Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Legislative Department. The bill increases expenditures in the Legislative Department to support the board.

- **Staff.** Legislative Council Staff requires 0.3 FTE to staff the board and produce a final report. The Office of Legislative Legal Services can staff the board within existing resources as the board has no bill drafting authority.
- **Expense reimbursements and legislator per diems.** The board is anticipated to meet four times in 2024. Costs are based on a per diem of \$112 for five legislators and travel reimbursements for the 11 voting members at an estimated \$124 per meeting at the Capitol.

Other state agencies. The bill minimally increases workload in the Department of State to provide input to the board.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are shown in Table 2.

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.

Local Government

The bill minimally increases workload for county clerks to provide input to the board, and for a local government representative to serve on the board.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2024-25, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation to the Legislative Department as follows:

- \$22,047 to the Legislative Council Staff, and 0.3 FTE; and
- \$7,694 to the General Assembly.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	County Clerks	Legislative Council Staff
Legislative Legal Services	Municipalities	Secretary of State

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](#).