

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEYS WORKING IN THE OFFICE OF A DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Significant Cost Increase in Second Year

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 01/29/24.

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

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.003	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

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 appropriating \$1,894,466 General Fund to the Department of Law for FY 2024-25.

SB24-013

JBC Staff Analysis

L.003 Bill Sponsor amendment **L.003** (attached) moves the implementation date for the bill to July 1, 2026. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that this moves the fiscal impact identified in the Fiscal Note out by two years; therefore, no appropriation is necessary for FY 2024-25.

If the Committee adopts L.003 it should NOT adopt J.001.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2024-25 based on the March 2024 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$63.1 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders (a total of \$9.5 million).

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	
Description	FY 2024-25
General Legislative Priorities	\$21,739,130
Legislation for Shared Housing Priorities	12,043,478
Legislation for Shared Workforce and Education Priorities	16,152,110
Legislation for Other Shared Priorities	10,519,130
Legislation for Distributions to Rural Hospitals	2,608,689
TOTAL Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	\$63,062,537

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$1,894,466 for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$63.1 million set aside by the same amount. If amendment L.003 is adopted, no appropriation is required for FY 2024-25 or FY 2025-26; an appropriation of approximately \$1.9 million in FY 2026-27 and \$3.8 million is required in years thereafter, reducing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.