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# *Fiscal Note Memorandum*

**TO:** Members of the House State, Civic, Veteran and Military Affairs Committee

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## **Fiscal Assessment of L.002 and L.003 to HB25-1065**

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendments L.002 and L.003 to HB25-1065. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of these amendments only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

### **Summary of Proposed Amendments**

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Amendment L.002 raises the minimum age to opt out of jury service from 70 to 72 and strikes language modifying the opt-out provisions for students attending out-of-state higher education institutions. Amendment L.003 allows requests to opt out of jury service based on age to begin on January 1, 2026, or later.

### **Fiscal Impact of Amendments L.002 and L.003**

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Amendments L.002 and L.003 lower the state expenditures by \$104,000 in FY 2025-26 and \$106,000 in FY 2026-27 relative to the fiscal note dated January 21, 2025, by reducing the number of persons who may opt out of jury service and by starting the opt-out process on January 1, 2026. This start date allows the Judicial Department to develop a process which will process excusals more quickly, eliminating the need for additional FTE.



## Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendments L.002 and L.003

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The bill increases state expenditures in the Judicial Department by about \$10,000 in FY 2025-26 and by about \$16,000 in FY 2026-27 and ongoing. The Judicial Department will mail approximately 23,724 additional jury summons annually, with a half-year impact of 11,862 additional summons in FY 2025-26. Printing and mailing jury summons costs 68 cents, resulting in \$8,066 in FY 2025-26 (half-year impact) and \$16,132 in FY 2026-27 and ongoing.

Additionally, the Judicial Department requires 20 hours of software development to redesign the jury summons to include information about these new exemptions and instructions for individuals who may be able to claim them. This results in \$2,000 in one-time expenses.

Clerks in the Judicial Department will spend 30 seconds, on average, to process the request to temporarily or permanently opt out of jury service for individuals aged 72 years and older. This additional workload is minimal and can be absorbed within existing resources.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts with Amendments L.002 and L.003**

<b>Type of Impact</b>	<b>Budget Year FY 2025-26</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2026-27</b>
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General Fund)	\$10,066	\$16,132
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

HB1065\_L.002

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs.

HB25-1065 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "and (2.8)".
- 2 Page 2, line 7, strike "SEVENTY" and substitute "SEVENTY-TWO".
- 3 Page 2, line 16, strike "SEVENTY" and substitute "SEVENTY-TWO".
- 4 Page 3, strike lines 8 through 27.
- 5 Strike page 4.
- 6 Page 5, strike lines 1 through 7.
- 7 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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HB1065\_L.003

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs.

HB25-1065 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 5, strike "A" and substitute "BEGINNING
- 2 JANUARY 1, 2026, A".
  
- 3 Page 2, line 14, after "SECTION," insert "BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026,".

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