

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
House Appropriations Committee

Concerning a statewide language access assessment covering principal departments.

Prime Sponsors:

Representatives Velasco; Joseph
(None)

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendments in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/05/25.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

The fiscal note identifies the need for roll-forward spending authority through FY 2026-27. This authority is based on the reporting requirements in the bill, which require the delivery of final findings and recommendations no later than December 31, 2026.

The State, Civic, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee Report (02/10/25) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC staff agree these amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

L.002 Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001

Staff amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates \$100,000 General Fund to the Department of Personnel for FY 2025-26 and provides roll-forward spending authority through December 31, 2026.

L.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) updates references to the Department of Personnel to use its statutory title.

The Committee may adopt either **J.001** or **L.002**, or both.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2025-26 based on the March 2025 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$18.2 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.

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2025 Legislation	
Description	FY 2025-26 Appropriation
Juvenile diversion, deflection, or detention	\$10,000,000
General Assembly legislative priorities	6,521,739
Voter approved initiatives	1,700,000
Total	\$18,221,739

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 for FY 2025-26, reducing the \$18.2 million set aside by the same amount.