

**JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis**  
**Senate Appropriations Committee**

Concerning measures effective no later than June 30, 2026, to increase transparency for algorithmic systems.

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**Prime Sponsors:**

Senator Rodriguez

Representatives Titone; Bacon

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**Fiscal Impacts**

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Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Significant Appropriation Increase in Second Year

**Fiscal Note Status**

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The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 08/21/25.

**Update:** Fiscal impact has changed due to amendment adopted after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared.

The Business, Labor and Technology Committee Report (08/21/25) made several changes clarifying the requirements of the bill. Additionally, new information from Departments has altered the fiscal impact of the bill. JBC staff and LCS staff agree that the net effect of the amendments and updated information from the Department is a slight increase in the fiscal impact of the bill.

**Amendments in This Packet**

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J.001            Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

**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 a total of \$4,780,668 of General Fund across multiple departments, with the appropriation reflecting 26.6 FTE. The appropriations are made as follows:

- Judicial Department: \$858,264, under the assumption of 6.4 FTE;
- Office of the Governor: \$3,161,534, under the assumption of 15.7 FTE;
- Department of Personnel: \$296,931, under the assumption of 1.0 FTE; and
- Department of Labor and Employment: \$463,939, under the assumption of 3.5 FTE.

## Points to Consider

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The July 2025 revenue forecast updates from the Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) and Legislative Council Staff (LCS) anticipate that state revenues will fall short of the TABOR limit in FY 2025-26. The update from OSPB projects that revenues will fall \$742.2 million below the TABOR limit in FY 2025-26 and then be \$411.4 million above the TABOR limit in FY 2026-27. Legislative Council Staff projects a shortfall of \$661.8 million below the TABOR limit in FY 2025-26 and a surplus of \$758.8 million above the TABOR limit in FY 2026-27. TABOR surpluses must be refunded to taxpayers out of the General Fund.

The required General Fund reserve for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 is 15.0 percent of FY 2025-26 General Fund appropriations. Based on the July 2025 revenue forecast updates, both the OSPB and LCS anticipate the General Fund reserve will end the current fiscal year below the reserve requirement. OSPB anticipates a deficit of \$783.1 million and LCS anticipates a deficit of \$691.9 million below the statutory reserve requirement.

### General Fund Impact

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$4,780,668 for FY 2025-26, reducing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes in FY 2025-26.

### Future Fiscal Impact

This bill is anticipated to require a General Fund appropriation of \$7,136,603 for FY 2026-27. The appropriations requirement will be addressed during the annual budgeting process.