

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis

Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning measures to address the sexual assault kit testing backlog.

Prime Sponsors:

Senator Weissman
(None)

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendments in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/24/25.

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

Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

L.004/J.002 Bill Sponsor amendment – changes fiscal impact and 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 amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates \$150,000 General Fund to the Department of Public Safety.

L.004/J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.004** (attached) eliminates the statewide coordinator grant program and establishes a review board in the Department of Law. Amendment **J.002** (attached) appropriates \$39,938

General Fund to the Department of Law and reflects 0.5 FTE. An optional appropriation for per diem expenses estimated at \$13,200 is not included in the appropriation clause. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree on this preliminary assessment of fiscal impact.

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 \$150,000 for FY 2025-26, reducing the \$18.2 million set aside by the same amount. If amendment **L.004** is adopted, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$39,938, reducing the \$18.2 million set aside by the same amount.