

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
House Appropriations Committee

Concerning post-conviction relief for certain offenders sentenced to imprisonment, and, in connection therewith, making and reducing an appropriation.

Prime Sponsors:

Senator Gonzales J.; Weissman
Representative Bacon; Mabrey

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendment 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 05/05/26.

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

Amendments in This Packet

J.004 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that reduces General Fund appropriations by a net total of \$68,414. This includes an increase of \$50,240 and 0.5 FTE for the Office of the State Public Defender and a net decrease of \$118,654 for the Department of Corrections.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.004

Staff amendment **J.004** (attached) makes a technical correction to the appropriation clause to add \$600 General Fund to the Office of the State Public Defender for operating expenses. This aligns the clause with the Revised Fiscal Note (attached).

Points to Consider

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2026-27 based on the March 2026 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$42.3 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 13.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders.

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2026 Legislation (\$ in millions)

Item	FY 2026-27
SB 26-149 (Pathways for Individuals with Mental Health Disorders)	\$25.9
Potential prison capacity supplemental	5.9
Applied behavioral analysis licensing	5.0
County Administration shared services	3.1
SB 26-042 (Revenue Classification TABOR)	2.3
Medicaid working group	0.5
HB 26-1331 (Modify 2026 Interim Committees)	-0.4
Total - Placeholders for other legislation	\$42.3

General Fund Impact

This bill requires a General Fund reduction of \$67,814 for FY 2026-27, increasing the \$42.3 million set aside by the same amount.