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# Fiscal Note

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**Drafting Number:** LLS 23-0938 **Date:** March 27, 2023  
**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Bridges; Kirkmeyer **Bill Status:** Senate Appropriations  
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**Bill Topic:** COUNTY ASSISTANCE FOR 23RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

**Budget package bill.** The bill appropriates money to reimburse counties for eligible expenses for establishing the new district attorney's office in the new 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25.

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**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$668,600 to the Judicial Department.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its FY 2023-24 budget package.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-230**

		<b>Budget Year FY 2023-24</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2024-25</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$668,600	up to \$4,000,000
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>Other Budget Impacts</b>	General Fund Reserve	\$100,290	up to \$600,000

## Summary of Legislation

The bill appropriates \$668,600 in FY 2023-24 to the Judicial Department to reimburse counties of the current 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District for eligible expenses related to the creation of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office. Eligible expenses include consulting fees and transition contractor fees in FY 2023-24 and costs related to sick leave payouts and information technology in FY 2024-25.

## State Expenditures

In FY 2023-24, General Fund expenditures in the Judicial Department will increase by \$668,600 to cover consulting and contracting fees related to the transition to the new 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District, as shown in Table 2. In FY 2024-25, General Fund expenditures may increase by up to \$4.0 million to cover transition costs, including annual and sick leave payouts and information technology updates. The exact level of funding for FY 2024-25 will be decided by the General Assembly through the annual budget process.

**Table 2**  
**Expenditures Under SB 23-230**

	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>
<b>Judicial Department</b>		
Consulting Fees	\$193,600	-
Contracting Fees	\$475,000	-
Annual and Sick Leave Payouts	-	\$2,000,000
IT Transition	-	\$2,000,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$668,600</b>	<b>up to \$4,000,000</b>

## Other Budget Impacts

**General Fund reserve.** Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

## Local Government

In FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25, revenue to counties within the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District will increase from reimbursements from the state.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$668,600 from the General Fund to the Judicial Department.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties

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