

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEYS WORKING IN THE OFFICE OF A DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Prime Sponsors: Sens. Gardner and Hinrichsen  
Reps. McLachlan and Catlin

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Not Required, Amendment in Packet**

**Significant Cost Increase in Third Year**

**Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 05/03/24.

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| <b>XXX</b> | <b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill                 |
|            | <b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>                   |
|            | <b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared  |
|            | <b>Non-Concurrence:</b> JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill |

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

| <b>Amendment</b> | <b>Description</b>                             |
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| L.004            | Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact |

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2024-25.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**L.004** Bill Sponsor amendment **L.004** (attached) eliminates from the bill provisions that would require state funding to be appropriated to support the wages of assistant district attorneys. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that adopting amendment **L.004** would reduce the estimated General Fund appropriation required in FY 2026-27 from nearly \$3.8 million to \$1,539,446, which amount represents the state share of just the district attorney salary portion of the bill.

**Points to Consider**

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*Future Fiscal Impact*

Although this bill would not require a General Fund appropriation for FY 2024-25, it is projected to require General Fund appropriations of \$3.8 million in FY 2026-27. If amendment **L.004** is adopted, the bill is projected to require General Fund Appropriations of \$1,539,446 in FY 2026-27.