

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
House Appropriations Committee

Concerning the creation of a working group to study the use of colorimetric field drug tests.

Prime Sponsors:

Representatives Gilchrist; Bacon
Senators Ball; Daugherty

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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 03/27/25.

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.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 a total of \$31,529 General Fund to the Legislative Department. The appropriation reflects 0.4 FTE.

L.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) creates a cash fund to collect gifts, grants, or donations to fund the working group, states the General Assembly's intent that the working group be funded from gifts, grants, and donations and not from General Fund, sets a date of December 1, 2025 for the cash fund to receive at least \$42,652 or donor money shall be returned to the donor, and includes an effective date clause that requires the working group to receive \$42,652 by July 1, 2025 for the working group provision to take effect.

The Committee should adopt either **J.001** or **L.002**, but not both.

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 \$31,529 for FY 2025-26, reducing the \$18.2 million set aside by the same amount. If sponsor amendment **L.002** is adopted, there is no General Fund impact.