



NON-EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

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Agency Submitting: Legislative Counsel Bureau

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Fiscal Year 2025-26	Fiscal Year 2026-27	Effect on Future Biennia
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

This legislation would have a fiscal impact on the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) due to additional responsibilities placed on the Legal Division and the Information Technology Services (ITS) Unit.

The Legal Division would require additional positions to draft and publish legislation in an expedited manner to comply with the 72-hour requirement, including additional paralegal staff, editors, data specialists, document specialists, and legal counsel positions. However, the exact number of additional positions needed would be notably impacted by the frequency, extent and timing of changes made to draft legislation after initial submission. Also, the language of this proposed legislation does not specify if the 72-hour requirement applies only to initial drafts of a bill or joint resolution, or if any amendments would result in extending the time it is available for public review. These factors would impact the number of staff required to ensure the 72-hour requirement was met.

In addition to the impact on the Legal Division, compliance with this legislation would require additional ITS Unit resources to enhance the LCB's website to ensure public accessibility to draft legislation within the stated 72-hour period. These additional resources would require reassigning Senior Developers and Business System Analysts for several months to implement the required changes to the website and related systems, which would affect other operational areas of the ITS Unit, likely resulting in increased overtime and payroll costs.

Finally, it is possible that this legislation would impact bills and resolutions introduced later in the Legislature's 120-day calendar, thereby requiring a special session which would have a fiscal impact on the LCB. However, the number and duration of special sessions cannot be estimated.

Therefore, while compliance with this legislation would have a fiscal impact on the LCB, the exact amount cannot be determined due to the factors noted.

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