

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning the consolidated administration of public assistance programs, and, in connection therewith, making and reducing an appropriation.

Prime Sponsors:

Representative Brown; Sirota
Senator Bridges; Kirkmeyer

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Significant Appropriation Increase in Second and Third Year

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 05/09/26.

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

The Revised Fiscal Note shows a total appropriation of \$2,165,793 for the Department of Human Services; however, the General Fund, cash funds, and federal funds amounts identified sum to \$2,172,114. The sum of the various fund sources is in agreement with the current appropriations clause. Legislative Council Staff and JBC staff concur that the current appropriations clause accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill for the Department of Human Services.

Amendments in This Packet

None.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides a total of \$13.0 million, including \$3.0 million General Fund, to multiple departments for FY 2026-27, as shown in the following table. The appropriation reflects 9.8 FTE and the updated fiscal impact noted above.

FY 2026-27 Appropriations by Department and Fund Source

Department	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Early Childhood	\$222,598	\$222,598	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
Governor's Office - OIT	318,439	0	0	318,439	0	0.0
Health Care Policy and Financing	9,963,323	1,769,848	881,401	2,455,027	4,857,047	8.5
Human Services	2,172,114	968,791	459,294	0	744,029	0.0
Law	317,338	0	0	317,338	0	1.3
Total	\$12,993,812	\$2,961,237	\$1,340,695	\$3,090,804	\$5,601,076	9.8

Reappropriated funds in the Department of Law are for the provision of legal services. Reappropriated funds in the Governor’s Office are for the provision of information technology services by the Office of Information Technology.

Points to Consider

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2026-27 based on the March 2026 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSP) 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

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2026-27 based on the March 2026 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2026-27 budget package \$3.1 million General Fund to be appropriated for implementation of this bill. The bill requires \$3.0 million General Fund, increasing the \$42.3 million set aside by \$0.1 million.

This bill is projected to require General Fund appropriations of \$3.7 million in FY 2027-28 and \$6.8 million and in FY 2028-29.