

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: April 2, 2015

Agency Submitting: Office of the Attorney General

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
Expensse (Expense)		\$112,596	\$129,248	\$241,844
Total	0	\$112,596	\$129,248	\$241,844

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

Currently, the initiative proponent is responsible for drafting the title and description of effect for initiative petitions and referenda.

The bill will require the AG's office to draft the titles and descriptions of effect for statewide initiative petitions and referenda (hereafter "petitions"). This will require additional work for at least one deputy AG to do the drafting.

BA 1030, W95 working version contains DU E226 to show the costs for the position necessary.

The bill also allows for judicial review of the AG's draft. Therefore it will also require additional work to defend the AG's decision.

Under the existing law, these cases are heavily litigated, but the AG's office is usually only minimally involved. Under this bill, the AG's office would be directly involved in defending the office's decision on judicial review. However, the bill does have some mitigating features which may significantly reduce the amount of litigation, but it is unknown how effective they will be in practice.

There will be some hard costs involved in reserving an appropriate meeting room to hold the public hearings, to record the hearings, post notices, etc. However, these costs should be \$200 or less a year.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

Date Tuesday, March 31, 2015

The agency's response appears reasonable.

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