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SB 325

EXECUTIVE AGENCY

FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 24, 2023

Agency Submitting: Office of the Attorney General

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
Personnel (Expense)		$460,683	$617,212	$1,234,424
Travel (Expense)		$13,529	$18,040	$36,080
Operating (Expense)		$38,103	$28,068	$56,136
Information Services (Expense)		$19,741	$3,567	$7,134
Total	0	$532,056	$666,887	$1,333,774

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The agency has received 372 election related complaints in recent history. These were primarily referred to the Secretary of State, who has current jurisdiction to investigate these types of complaints.
Section 5 of this bill creates a new unit within the Office of the Attorney General to address complaints of election irregularities. Section 6.2 establishes requirements to investigate and prosecute these complaints.
While the agency has a current process to receive complaints related to election irregularities, it does not currently have staff to research, investigate, or prosecute viable complaints.
This fiscal note represents the addition of five new positions and associated operating costs to manage the estimated workload, based on actual complaints previously received. These positions consist of one Inspector General, two Criminal Investigator 2 positions, one Legal Secretary 2, and one Senior Deputy Attorney General.

Name Jessica Hoban

Title Chief Financial Officer

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

Date Tuesday, March 21, 2023

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Name Amy Stephenson

Title Director