ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 53–COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 10, 2026

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to fiscal notes. (BDR 17-142)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State Highway Fund: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets **[**~~omitted material~~**]** is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to fiscal notes; requiring the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to make certain considerations relating to the provision of indigent defense services when determining whether to obtain a fiscal note on a bill or joint resolution; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to obtain a fiscal note from a state agency that is affected by a bill or joint resolution that: (1) creates or increases any fiscal responsibility of the State or decreases any revenue of the State which appears to be in excess of $2,000; or (2) increases or newly provides for a term of imprisonment in the state prison or makes release on probation or parole less likely. (NRS 218D.430) Similarly, existing law requires the Fiscal Analysis Division to obtain a fiscal note from a local government that is affected by a bill or joint resolution that reduces or increases the expenditures of the local government unless the only impact on the local government is that the bill or joint resolution increases or newly provides for a term of imprisonment in a county or city jail or detention facility, or makes release on probation therefore less likely. (NRS 218D.435)

Section 1 of this bill requires the Fiscal Analysis Division, when determining whether to obtain a fiscal note on a bill or joint resolution from a state agency or local government, to consider whether the bill or joint resolution may require an increase in the provision of indigent defense services and whether that increase may fiscally impact any county or the Department of Indigent Defense Services,

including the Office of the State Public Defender. **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill make conforming changes relating to the applicability of **section 1**.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 218D of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

The Fiscal Analysis Division, in determining whether to obtain a fiscal note on a bill or joint resolution pursuant to NRS 218D.430 and 218D.435, shall consider whether the bill or joint resolution may require an increase in the provision of indigent defense services and whether that increase may impact any county or the Department of Indigent Defense Services, including the Office of the State Public Defender.

Sec. 2. NRS 218D.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.400 As used in NRS 218D.400 to 218D.495, inclusive, ***and section 1 of this act,*** unless the context otherwise requires, "presiding officer" means:

1. In the Assembly, the Speaker of the Assembly or another member of the Assembly who is performing the functions of the Speaker during the absence or inability of the Speaker.

2. In the Senate, the Majority Leader of the Senate or another member of the Senate who is performing the functions of the Majority Leader during the absence or inability of the Majority Leader.

Sec. 3. NRS 218D.495 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.495 1. Agencies and local governments may use the bills and joint resolutions submitted to them pursuant to NRS 218D.400 to 218D.495, inclusive, ***and section 1 of this act,*** for official purposes only.

2. A person shall not copy or otherwise disseminate information concerning any bill or joint resolution which has been submitted to the person pursuant to NRS 218D.400 to 218D.495, inclusive, ***and section 1 of this act,*** unless:

(a) The bill or joint resolution has been prefiled pursuant to NRS 218D.580, introduced in the Legislature or otherwise lawfully released to the public; or

(b) The person has obtained the consent of the requester.

3. A person who knowingly disseminates information in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.