

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE

Fiscal Note



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 Creates an independent office of the state inspector general within the office of the governor. (gov sig)

The proposed legislation creates an independent office of the state inspector general within the Office of the Governor. The inspector general shall be appointed by the governor with the Senate's consent. The inspector general is authorized to examine and investigate the management and affairs of agencies concerning waste, inefficiencies, mismanagement, misconduct, abuse, fraud, and corruption, and he may conduct all necessary investigations into such areas including but not limited to: 1) misuse of state-owned automobiles, planes, watercraft, and all other movable and immovable property, 2) evidence of a pattern of excessive bills on state contracts, 3) unauthorized use of leave, 4) mismanagement of governmental operations, 5) waste or abuse of things of value belonging to or used by agencies, and 6) construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities.

EXPENDITURES	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Office of State Inspector General is currently operating as a program within the Division of Administration and would merely be re-created in the Office of the Governor.

The Office of State Inspector General was created by Executive Order in 1988 (BR 88-10) and was continued by a subsequent executive order which has expired. Its operations are currently authorized by R.S. 39:7 which provides that "the governor may provide for inspections, visitations, and examinations of all budget units and their records by employees and agents of the governor...". R.S. 39:8 further states that "the governor may, in his discretion, delegate such authority as is vested in him by this Chapter to the commissioner of administration and to such other agents or representatives as he deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter."

NOTE: The Inspector General had previously planned for and is set to begin operating a toll-free fraud hotline which is a requirement of this legislation. Any costs associated with this hotline are anticipated to be negligible.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House
 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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