

**JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis**  
**Senate Appropriations Committee**

Concerning requiring a jury to determine whether a defendant has prior qualifying convictions.

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**Prime Sponsors:**

Senators Liston; Snyder  
Representatives Soper; Espenoza

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**Fiscal Impacts**

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Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

**Fiscal Note Status**

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The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/11/25.

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

The Senate Judiciary Committee Report (03/26/25) includes amendments to the bill. LCS and JBC staff agree that these amendments do not have a fiscal impact.

**Amendments in This Packet**

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J.001            Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.001**

Staff amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates \$17,500 General Fund to the Judicial Department for FY 2025-26.

## Points to Consider

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### General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2025-26 based on the March 2025 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$18.2 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders.

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2025 Legislation	
Description	FY 2025-26 Appropriation
Juvenile diversion, deflection, or detention	\$10,000,000
General Assembly legislative priorities	6,521,739
Voter approved initiatives	1,700,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,221,739</b>

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$17,500 for FY 2025-26, reducing the \$18.2 million set aside by the same amount.