Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 5476 SB Title: Agricultural overtime

Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name		2023-25			2025-27				
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Office of Attorney	0	0	54,000	0	0	54,000	0	0	54,000
General									
Office of	0	0	58,000	0	0	60,000	0	0	58,000
Administrative									
Hearings									
Department of	Non-zero but	indeterminate cos	t and/or savings.	Please see disc	ussion.				
Labor and Industries									
Total \$	0	0	112,000	0	0	114,000	0	0	112,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name		20	023-25			2	025-27				2027-29	
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Office of Attorney General	.2	0	0	54,000	.2	0	0	54,000	.2	0	0	54,000
Office of Administrative Hearings	.2	0	0	58,000	.2	0	0	58,000	.2	0	0	58,000
Department of Labor and Industries	2.4	0	0	787,000	2.4	0	0	660,000	2.4	0	0	660,000
Total \$	2.8	0	0	899,000	2.8	0	0	772,000	2.8	0	0	772,000

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name		2023-25			2025-27				
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Office of Attorney General	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Office of Administrative Hearings	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Labor and Industries	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5476 SB	Title:	Agricultural overtin	ne	Ager	ncy: 100-Office of General	Attorney
Part I: Estimates	· !			•		
No Fiscal Impact						
Estimated Cash Receipts to:						
ACCOUNT		FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Legal Services Revolving Account 405-1	nt-State	27,000			54,000	54,000
	Total \$	27,000	27,00	54,000	54,000	54,000
Estimated Operating Expenditu	ros from:					
Estillated Operating Expension	10111.	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Account		27.000	07.000	54.000	54.000	54.000
Legal Services Revolving Account-State 405-1		27,000	27,000	54,000	54,000	54,000
Account-state 403-1	Total \$	27,000	27,000	54,000	54,000	54,000
NONE						
The cash receipts and expenditure and alternate ranges (if appropria			most likely fiscal ii	mpact. Factors impac	ting the precision of ti	hese estimates,
Check applicable boxes and follows	low correspon	nding instructions:				
If fiscal impact is greater that form Parts I-V.	an \$50,000 pe	er fiscal year in the c	current biennium	or in subsequent bie	ennia, complete enti	re fiscal note
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Capital budget impact, com	plete Part IV.					
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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 1: Need and intent. The 2021 repeal of overtime pay exemption for agricultural workers created hardships for agricultural employers in the seasonal agricultural industry. This bill is intended to provide agricultural employers limited flexibility to increase non-overtime work hours to fit the peaks of labor demands for their crops.

Section 2: Amends RCW 49.46.130 by adding a new subsection (d) that allows an agricultural employer to select any 12 weeks as a "special circumstance" time period for labor demand, and to employ workers during each of the selected weeks for up to 50 hours per week without being required to pay overtime wages. Agricultural employers must provide prior notice of the selected weeks, and agricultural employees must receive such notice.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Cash receipts are assumed to equal the Legal Services Revolving Account (LSRA) cost estimates. These will be billed through the revolving account to the client agency.

The client agency is the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I). The Attorney General's Office (AGO) will bill all clients for legal services rendered.

These cash receipts represent the AGO's authority to bill and are not a direct appropriation to the AGO. The direct appropriation is reflected in the client agency's fiscal note. Appropriation authority is necessary in the AGO budget.

AGO AGENCY ASSUMPTIONS:

L&I will be billed for Seattle rates:

FY 2024: \$27,000 for 0.1 Assistant Attorney General FTE (AAG) and 0.05 Legal Assistant 3 FTE (LA).

FY 2025: \$27,000 for 0.1 AAG and 0.05 LA, and each FY thereafter.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Attorney General's Office (AGO) Agency Assumptions:

This bill is effective immediately based on an emergency clause.

Location of staffing is assumed to be in a Seattle office building.

Total workload impact in this request includes standard assumption costs for goods & services, travel, and capital outlays for all FTE identified.

Agency administration support FTE are included in the tables, for every 1.0 Assistant Attorney General FTE (AAG), the AGO includes 0.5 FTE for a Legal Assistant 3 (LA) and 0.25 FTE of a Management Analyst 5 (MA). The MA is used as a representative classification.

1. Assumptions for the AGO Labor and Industries Division's (LNI) Legal Services for the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I):

LNI assumes the enactment of the bill will have litigation and implementation costs. Although there is no rulemaking required, LNI will need to provide client advice updating the following Employment Standards Administrative Policies (ESAP):

- a. ES.C.6.2: Agricultural Labor Standards Meal Periods, Rest Periods, and Rates of Pay.
- b. ES.D.2: Recordkeeping and Access to Payroll Records (Agricultural Employment).

Additionally, LNI assumes there would be stakeholder involvement with the updates of any administrative policy in ESAP. These changes will result in additional administrative appeals under the Wage Payment Act (WPA) and provisions of this bill.

Based on historical citation rates, approximately 14 percent of these matters will result in a final order. An estimate of the appeal rate of 20 percent, which results in 11 additional appeals to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). Appeals of this nature require approximately 0.1 AAG per 10 appeals. Based on these estimates, AGO would need 0.1 AAG in FY 2024 to provide support for implementation and 0.1 AAG each FY thereafter for any new appeals.

LNI total FTE workload impact for Seattle rates:

FY 2024: \$27,000 for 0.1 AAG and 0.05 LA.

FY 2025: \$27,000 for 0.1 AAG and 0.05 LA, and each FY thereafter.

- 2. The AGO Agriculture and Health Division (AHD) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not significantly increase or decrease the division's workload in representing the Department of Agriculture (WSDA), Department of Health (DOH), and Department of Commerce (Commerce). The enactment of this bill will not impact the provision of legal services to any of AHD's client agencies. The bill creates no new duties or responsibilities for any of AHD's client agencies, including WSDA, DOH, and Commerce. Therefore, costs are not included in this request.
- 3. The AGO Solicitor General's Office (SGO) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not significantly increase or decrease the division's workload. Therefore, costs are not included in this request.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
405-1	Legal Services	State	27,000	27,000	54,000	54,000	54,000
	Revolving Account						
		Total \$	27,000	27,000	54,000	54,000	54,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
A-Salaries and Wages	18,000	18,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
B-Employee Benefits	6,000	6,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
E-Goods and Other Services	3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Total \$	27,000	27,000	54,000	54,000	54,000

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Assistant Attorney General-Seattle	124,635	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Legal Assistant 3-Seattle	67,044	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Management Analyst 5	91,524	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total FTEs		0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Labor & Industries Division (LNI)	27,000	27,000	54,000	54,000	54,000
Total \$	27,000	27,000	54,000	54,000	54,000

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5476 SB	Title:	Agricultural overtim	e	Agen	cy: 110-Office of A	Administrative
Part I: Estimates						
No Fiscal Impact						
Estimated Cash Receipts to:						
ACCOUNT		FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Administrative Hearings Revolvi Account-State 484-1	ng	29,000	29,000	58,000	60,000	58,000
	Total \$	29,000	29,000	58,000	60,000	58,000
FTE Staff Years		FY 2024 0.2	FY 2025 0.2	2023-25 0.2	2025-27 0.2	2027-29
FTE Staff Years			0.2	0.2		0.2
1						
Account		29,000	29,000	58,000	58,000	58,000
Administrative Hearings Revolv Account-State 484-1	ing					
Administrative Hearings Revolv	Total \$	29,000	29,000	58,000	58,000	58,0

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

	If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
X	If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I)
	Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
	Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 2 adds an exception to the new overtime requirements for agricultural workers. Specifically, it allows agricultural employers to pick any 12 weeks in a calendar year to employ agricultural employees up to 50 hours per week before having to pay them overtime wages. Agricultural employers must keep records of which 12 weeks they used and provide their employees with a good-faith estimate, as well as written notice, of the selected 12 weeks in advance of the first such week, according to prescribed deadlines. Agricultural employers may change the selected weeks in certain prescribed circumstances.

This bill has an emergency clause and is assumed to be effective immediately.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

As a central service agency, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) bills referring agencies for its costs and collects the revenue into the Administrative Hearings Revolving Account. Cash receipts are assumed to equal costs. OAH will bill the Department of Labor & Industries for the costs related to this proposed legislation.

These cash receipts represent the OAH's authority to bill and are not a direct appropriation to OAH. Appropriation authority is necessary in OAH's budget.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

The Department of Labor & Industries estimates that the proposed legislation will result in 11 new appeals being referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) per fiscal year beginning in FY 2024. On average, each appeal is expected to take approximately 13.1 hours of line Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) time including prehearing conferences, hearings, order writings, etc.

OAH may receive appeals from LNI in FY 2023 as a result of this law. These referrals are assumed nominal and costs are not included.

OAH Agency Workforce Assumptions:

- (1) The Governors proposed COLA increases in FY2024 and FY2025, and Collective Bargaining Agreement increases are not included in agency cost projections. Additional funding is required if these proposals are enacted.
- (2) Ratio of 1.0 FTE line ALJ to 0.15 Senior ALJ (SALJ), to 0.6 Legal Assistant 2 (LA2) (Range 40 step L), to 0.25 administrative support Management Analyst 5 (MA5) (Range 64 Step L).
- (3) ALJ salary is based on the ALJ collective bargaining agreement and assumed to be at step L. (Line ALJ-range 70. Senior ALJ-range 74.)
- (4) Benefit rates were analyzed by job class and projected using the latest benefit information available.
- (5) Goods and services, travel and on-going capital outlays were projected based on historical data for each of the job classifications.

Total workload impact beginning in FY 2024: 0.10 ALJ at a cost of \$16,620; 0.2 SALJ at a cost of \$2,688; 0.06 LA2 at a cost of \$5,995; and 0.03 MA5 at a cost of \$3,706. The total cost is rounded to \$29,000 per FY.

This bill has an emergency clause and is assumed to be effective immediately.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
484-1	Administrative	State	29,000	29,000	58,000	58,000	58,000
	Hearings Revolving						
	Account						
	•	Total \$	29,000	29,000	58,000	58,000	58,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
A-Salaries and Wages	18,000	18,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
B-Employee Benefits	6,000	6,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	29,000	29,000	58,000	58,000	58,000

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Administrative Law Judge	106,152	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Legal Assistant 2	50,592	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total FTEs		0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Regulatory & Education (REG)	29,000	29,000	58,000	319,000	58,000
Total \$	29,000	29,000	58,000	319,000	58,000

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

ill Number: 5476 SB Title: Agricultural overtime Agency: 235 Ind						ent of Labor and
Part I: Estimates						
No Fiscal Impact						
Estimated Cash Receipts to:						
Non	-zero but inde	terminate cost and	or savings. Ple	ase see discussion	•	
Estimated Operating Expend	itures from:					
Estimated Operating Expend	Tures from:	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Account						
Accident Account-State	608-1	380,000	271,000	·	542,000	542,000
Medical Aid Account-State	609	77,000	59,000	136,000	118,000	118,000
-1	Total \$	457,000	330,000	787,000	660,000	660,000
The cash receipts and expendite and alternate ranges (if approp			most likely fiscal	impact. Factors imp	acting the precision of	these estimates,
Check applicable boxes and	follow correspo	onding instructions:				
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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

See attached.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

See attached.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

See attached.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
608-1	Accident Account	State	380,000	271,000	651,000	542,000	542,000
609-1	Medical Aid Account	State	77,000	59,000	136,000	118,000	118,000
		Total \$	457,000	330,000	787,000	660,000	660,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
A-Salaries and Wages	165,000	165,000	330,000	330,000	330,000
B-Employee Benefits	64,000	64,000	128,000	128,000	128,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	202,000	95,000	297,000	190,000	190,000
G-Travel	6,000	6,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
J-Capital Outlays	20,000		20,000		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	457,000	330,000	787,000	660,000	660,000

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIIA

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Fiscal Analyst 5	71,520	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Industrial Relations Agent 2	69,756	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
(Bilingual)						
Revenue Agent 2	64,788	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total FTEs		2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Part II: Explanation

This bill grants agricultural employers the flexibility to select special circumstance periods for labor demand for which the overtime threshold will be at 50 hours in order for agricultural employees to earn overtime pay. By following set requirements for disclosure purposes, employers would be responsible for complying with agricultural recordkeeping requirements, adhering to the disclosure timelines, notifying workers of the special circumstance period following a prescribed timeframe, and adjusting the special circumstance period if, and only if, all three conditions are met.

This bill creates a new section declaring a state of emergency to take effect immediately.

II. A – Brief Description of What the Measure Does that Has Fiscal Impact Section 2 amends RCW 49.46.130:

- Section (2)(6)(b) adds an exception clause for (d) in that subsection to apply for the year 2023 in which the overtime threshold is at 48 hours per workweek.
- Section (2)(6)(c) adds an exception clause for (d) in that subsection to apply for the year 2024 in which the overtime threshold is at 40 hours per workweek.
- Section (2)(6)(d)(i) states that an agricultural employer can select any 12 weeks in a calendar year as special circumstance weeks for labor demand. During each of the selected 12 weeks, the employer may employ a worker for up to 50 hours before the overtime requirement applies.
- Section (2)(6)(d)(ii) holds agricultural employers responsible for complying with existing agricultural recordkeeping, requiring employers to track and keep records of the special circumstance weeks.
- Section (2)(6)(d)(iii) sets timeline requirements for when employers must disclose to workers when their special circumstance weeks will take place, using a good-faith estimate. Agricultural employers must disclose at least 30 days before the first expected special circumstance week, or upon hiring for workers who start fewer than 30 days in advance. Employers with H2A temporary work visa employees must disclose the special

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- circumstance weeks no later than the date when the worker's visa application is submitted an H2A provision that must align with the federal H2A requirements.
- Section (2)(6)(d)(iv) requires employers to provide written notice to workers, at least annually, of the determined special circumstance weeks. This disclosure can be no later than seven days before the first special circumstance week, or upon hiring for those starting work after the seventh day. Employers may adjust the special circumstance period if three conditions are met:
 - The employer provides at least one week's notice in writing of any week being added or removed as a special circumstance week;
 - The employer's initial disclosure of the special circumstance weeks was predicted in good-faith with a reasonable expectation; and
 - The changes are based on circumstances unforeseen at the time of the initial disclosure.

Section 3 declares a state of emergency to take effect immediately.

II. B – Cash Receipt Impact

Receivables - Operating

The penalties received by L&I related to enforcing this bill are to be deposited in the Supplemental Pension Fund, fund 881. L&I has the authority to issue penalties. However, the dollar amounts of the penalties can vary. L&I has no way to predict the amounts of each citation under this bill. Therefore, the cash receipt impact is indeterminate.

II. C – Expenditures

Appropriated – Operating Costs

This bill increases expenditures to the Accident Fund, fund 608 and the Medical Aid Fund, fund 609. The following assumptions were used to estimate the resources requested to implement this bill.

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Staffing

2.0 FTE, Industrial Relations Agent 2 (IRA2), bilingual, permanent, beginning July 1, 2023. Duties include investigating overtime wage complaints from agricultural workers who file complaints under this bill, providing ongoing education and outreach to employers and workers, developing outreach materials, and answering questions from the public. This is based on the following assumptions:

- Based on Employment Security data, there are 200,000 potential wage complainants from agricultural employees in the state.
- The complaint rate for wage complaints is .002.
- 400 complaints are expected annually. (200,000 potential complaints X .002 complaint rate = 400)
- The average IRA2 handles 240 wage complaints per year.
- Therefore, 2 IRA2s are needed. (400 complaints / 240 per IRA2 = 1.7 FTE, rounded up to 2.0 due to ongoing education and outreach duties)

0.25 FTE, Revenue Agent 2 (RA2), permanent, beginning July 1, 2023. Duties include collection of final and binding citations issued for wage payment violations. In addition, this position will also perform duties including: evaluation of assets in connection in financial applications, business records, and financial statements for long-term payment plans; and monitor all bankruptcy suspensions. This is based on the following assumptions:

- 400 complaints are expected annually. (see calculation above)
- The historical average for complaints resulting in a citation is 14 percent.
- 56 citations are expected annually. (400 complaints X .14 citation rate = 56)
- The average RA2 handles 300 citations per year.
- Therefore, 0.25 RA2 is needed. (56 citations / 300 per RA2 = 0.2 FTE, rounded up to 0.25 based on the additional duties listed above)

Marketing/Outreach Campaign

\$90,000 for an outreach campaign that targets agriculture workers and employers in both English and Spanish will be necessary during the 2023-25 biennium. The 2021 legislature passed ESSB 5172 providing overtime standards for the agricultural workforce. This new law led to L&I

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coordinating a major outreach campaign to educate the public about overtime changes that impacted dairy and agricultural workers. Therefore, a new campaign would be needed to inform the public about the change to existing overtime laws that had already been explained to the public.

Translation Costs

L&I will need to update 13 existing forms and publications and translate them into the eight common languages. Translation costs are estimated to be \$6,721 in fiscal year 2024.

<u>Attorney General – Legal Services</u>

\$27,000 is needed annually beginning in fiscal year 2024 for legal services. Providing legal advice and handling the anticipated new appeals will require an additional 0.1 Assistant Attorney General FTE.

Administrative Hearings

\$29,000 is needed in annually beginning in fiscal year 2024 for administrative hearings. This estimate is based on 11 appeals per year.

Indirect Costs

The amount included in this fiscal note for indirect is:

Fund	Name	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
608	Accident	13,300	13,300	13,300	13,300	13,300	13,300
609	Medical Aid	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
	Total:	\$15,700	\$15,700	\$15,700	\$15,700	\$15,700	\$15,700

The department assesses an indirect rate to cover agency-wide administrative costs. Labor and Industries' indirect rate is applied on salaries, benefits, and standard costs. For fiscal note purposes, the total indirect amount is converted into salary and benefits for partial or full indirect FTEs. Salary and benefits costs are based on a Fiscal Analyst 5 (Range 59, Step G).

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

None.

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Part V: New Rule Making Required

None.

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