

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6226 SB	Title: DSHS fraud office reporting	Agency: 300-Department of Social and Health Services
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
General Fund-Federal 001-2		68,000	68,000	70,000	70,000
Total \$		68,000	68,000	70,000	70,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	1.8	0.9	1.0	1.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	241,000	241,000	244,000	244,000
General Fund-Federal 001-2	0	68,000	68,000	70,000	70,000
Total \$	0	309,000	309,000	314,000	314,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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.
- 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.

This bill requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Office of Fraud and Accountability unit to submit a report to the legislature by December 1, 2024, and biannually thereafter, containing:

- (a) Racially disaggregated data on who is being investigated, compared with their percentage of the population on benefits;
- (b) Financial data regarding expenditures on investigations, recovered funds, and impacts to programs and caseload;
- (c) Findings regarding internal patterns of referrals which may be contributing to disparities; and
- (d) Any other information deemed relevant by the department, including potential recommendations to address disparities in program policy and practice.

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.

It is assumed that the provisions of this bill would be eligible for federal funding based on the DSHS cost allocation plan for Program 110 - Administration.

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.

DSHS will require the following resources in order to implement this bill:

1. Research, Data and Analysis division (RDA) will need .5 FTE Research Analyst / Manager on an ongoing basis to help with writing analytic programming code, performing statistical analysis, developing the legislative report, and assisting in community engagement.
2. Office of Fraud Accountability (OFA) will need .5 FTE WMS2 to work with RDA in pulling the data and developing the report.
3. Technology Innovation Administration (TIA) will need .5 FTE Business Analyst to collaborate with OFA and RDA teams. The primary assignment is to conduct a thorough analysis of report requirements, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of how these requirements will impact the Fraud Investigations Tracking Tool (FITT) system.
4. Technology Innovation Administration (TIA) will need 1.0 FTE Sr Developer to add additional data fields to the Fraud Investigations Tracking Tool (FITT) and work on interface enhancements with the Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) or Barcode system. The additional fields will be used to store demographic information currently not available in FITT.
5. Technology Innovation Administration (TIA) will need .5 Sr Software Tester to do functional and regression testing of this enhancement.

The fiscal note includes expenditures for the initial report setup and ongoing support.

The assumed staff would start July 1, 2024.

Fiscal assumptions cover staffing for ongoing bill compliance efforts and annual report development support.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	0	241,000	241,000	244,000	244,000
001-2	General Fund	Federal	0	68,000	68,000	70,000	70,000
Total \$			0	309,000	309,000	314,000	314,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		1.8	0.9	1.0	1.0
A-Salaries and Wages		204,000	204,000	200,000	200,000
B-Employee Benefits		84,000	84,000	94,000	94,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services		12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service		1,000	1,000		
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
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Total \$	0	309,000	309,000	314,000	314,000

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
IT App Development - Senior			0.3	0.2		
IT Business Analyst - Senior			0.3	0.2		
IT Quality Assurance - Senior			0.3	0.2		
Research Investigator 3			0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5
WMS Band 2			0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5
Total FTEs			1.8	0.9	1.0	1.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Administrative and Supporting Services (110)		309,000	309,000	314,000	314,000
Total \$		309,000	309,000	314,000	314,000

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.