

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)					
EXPENDITURES	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	SEE BELOW	0	0	0	SEE BELOW
FY2027-2028	SEE BELOW	0	0	0	SEE BELOW
FY2028-2029	SEE BELOW	0	0	0	SEE BELOW
REVENUE	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	0	0	0	0
FY2027-2028	0	0	0	0	0
FY2028-2029	0	0	0	0	0

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB1044 would make the following amendments to the Business Innovation Act:

- Strike the requirement of the Department of Economic Development (DED) duty to submit the qualified action plan developed under the act to the Governor for approval;
- Require DED to award at least \$4,000,000 under 81-12,158 and 81-12,160;
- Creates intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$15,000,000 per fiscal year beginning in FY2026-27 for the purposes of the Business Innovation Act; and
- Declares an emergency.

Current program appropriation is \$11,250,000 for state aid. Creating a base for awards may affect distribution of grant awards. If program is funded to intent, impact will be \$3,750,000 per year from the General Fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: 1044 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Economic Development (DED)

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COMMENTS: The DED assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 1044 appears reasonable.

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Economic Development

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:
LB1044 amends Section 81-12,158 to require the Department of Economic Development (Department) to award at least four million dollars (\$4,000,000) annually and authorize awards of up to six million dollars (\$6,000,000) annually for financial assistance under the Business Innovation Act. LB1044 amends section 81-12,163 to express the Legislature’s intent to appropriate fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) to the Department beginning in FY 2026-27 and each year thereafter to implement the Business Innovation Act.

LB 1044 strikes language in Section 81-12,155 which requires the Department to submit the qualified action plan for the Business Innovation Act to the Governor for approval.

There is no change to the Department’s administrative expenditure based on the current language.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27	2027-28
	26-27	27-28	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				