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**LB 612**

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# FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

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

LB612 amends Section 24-514 to require the state to cover half of county court operational costs. It also eliminates references to specific expenses previously funded by the state, simplifying how court costs are shared.

The Supreme Court states that LB612 will increase General Fund expenditures by shifting certain court-related costs from counties to the State, with the assumption that the State would cover 50% of these expenses. However, the fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time due to inconsistencies in county budget reporting and the lack of a clear definition of operational costs in LB612. For reference, the FY25 county court budgets for 55 of the largest counties total approximately \$8.1 million.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 612	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Supreme Court	
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COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Supreme Court's estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 612.			

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> 05 Supreme Court

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

LB612 increases General Fund expenditures by shifting court-related expenses from counties to the State. Since the State already pays for some of the operational costs of county courts, it is assumed the State would pay 50% of the expenses currently paid only by the counties.

At this time, an estimate of the fiscal impact cannot be determined for the following reasons:

1. County budgets, as posted on the Auditor of Public Accounts website, vary widely in what is included in the county court budget. For example, some counties include court-appointed attorney fees in their county court budget. Other counties include similar expenses in the miscellaneous portion of their budget.

1. Operational costs are not defined in LB612. A clear definition that can be applied consistently across all county budgets would be necessary to develop a more reasonable estimate.

To provide some information, the FY25 budgets, for only county court, of 55 of the largest counties, total approximately \$8.1 million.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				