

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1496

Patron: Bulova

Bill Title: Campaign finance; reviews of campaign finance reports and records; Department of Elections reporting deadline.

Bill Summary: Campaign finance; reviews of campaign finance reports and records; Department of Elections reporting deadline.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: Item 77

Explanation: See Below

Fiscal Summary: There is an anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
The Department of Elections	-	\$66,000	\$66,000	-	-	-
TOTAL		\$66,000	\$66,000			

Fiscal Analysis: There is an anticipated fiscal impact to the Department of Elections as a result of the provisions of this bill. This bill changes the reporting deadline for reviews of campaign finance reports and records. The Department of Elections (ELECT) has gone through one review. The one review costs the agency \$156,750 for contractors that can be broken into two major categories. Policy and procedures (\$74,250) that allowed the agency to develop templates and other information that can be used going forward along with the review of information (\$82,500). The policy and procedure cost was one-time with the review a continuing expense. ELECT estimates that the continued cost of reviews will decrease as knowledge is acquired. The continuing review is estimated to require approximately 400 hours per year at \$165 per hour for contractors that would cost an estimated \$66,000 per year. Based on the complexity and number of reviews this amount will fluctuate annually.

Other: N/A