

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill#	SB0289		Title:	Revise employment application by eliminating reference to criminal record	
Primary Sponsor:	Hoven, Brian		Status:	As Introduced	
☐Significant Loc	cal Gov Impact	⊠Needs to be included in	HB 2	☑ Technical Concerns	
☐ Included in the Executive Budget		☐Significant Long-Term Impacts		☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	

FISCAL SUMMARY

	FY 2022 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2023 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2024 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2025 <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$16,223	\$15,496	\$15,756	\$15,992
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Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>Description of fiscal impact:</u> This bill restricts employers from inquiring about an applicant's conviction or criminal history on employment applications except under certain conditions. Under the amendment to the bill, the Department of Labor & Industry (DLI) may investigate complaints and impose penalties of \$250 for first time violations and \$500 for subsequent violations. Fines must be deposited in a state special revenue account and transferred to the general fund on a semiannual basis. The transfers may be reduced by 10% to cover the costs of investigations.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Labor and Industry (DoLI)

- 1. The department anticipates needing 0.25 FTE Compliance Specialist to investigate complaints. This would include personal services of \$14,274 per year for this position. An inflationary factor of 1.5% is applied in FY 2024 and FY 2025.
- 2. The department's indirect cost rate will also be charged to these positions, for a total of \$1,249 per year.

- 3. The employee will need a desk and computer. The department anticipates new employee costs of \$700.
- 4. The bill allows the department to collect fines of \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for subsequent offenses. The department can retain 10% of those fines to pay for investigations. The remainder would be revenue to the general fund. At this point, the department does not know how many violations would be found, and therefore is unable to estimate this revenue.
- 5. It is assumed that any expenses not covered by revenue from fines, as well as any non-investigation costs, will be paid by the general fund.

Department of Administration

- 6. SB 289 prohibits an initial application from including questions regarding criminal history.
- 7. The Department of Administration is already doing this in its recruitment application process for state employees.

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025		
	Difference	<u>Difference</u>	Difference	Difference		
Fiscal Impact:						
FTE	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25		
Expenditures:						
Personal Services	\$14,274	\$14,247	\$14,488	\$14,705		
Operating Expenses	\$1,949	\$1,249	\$1,268	\$1,287		
TOTAL Expenditures	\$16,223	\$15,496	\$15,756	\$15,992		
Funding of Expenditures:						
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$16,223	\$15,496	\$15,756	\$15,992		
TOTAL Funding of Exp.		\$15,496	\$15,756	\$15,992		
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Revenues:						
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0_	\$0_	\$0		
TOTAL Revenues =	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):						
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	 \$0	\$0		
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$16,223)	(\$15,496)	(\$15,756)	(\$15,992)		
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

Technical Notes:

1. The bill proposes to be codified in Title 39, Chapter 2. That chapter does not define the term "department," and the chapter is not generally under the regulatory or enforcement authority of the Department of Labor & Industry. However, it appears that the intention of the bill is for DoLI rulemaking and enforcement.

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Sponsor's Initials	Date	Budget Director's Initials	Date	