

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 292** SLS 26RS 563

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Duties of the Inspector General	

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Provides for the office and duties of the office of the state inspector general. (gov sig)

Present law states that prevention and detection of waste, inefficiency, mismanagement, misconduct, abuse, fraud, and corruption in executive branch agencies are responsibilities of the state. Proposed law retains these purposes and expands policy language to emphasize the executive branch's duty to find efficiencies and optimizations. Proposed law establishes the Inspector General (IG) as the "Chief Integrity Officer", provides for appointment by the governor, provides a six-year term, sets compensation, and provides for vacancy procedures. Proposed law provides that the IG shall retain subpoena authority and judicial oversight. Proposed law retains that the Office of the IG shall have the designation as a law enforcement agency for investigative purposes but reiterates such authority does not include arrest powers. Proposed law provides the IG shall have authority to contract for professional services without public bid. Finally, the proposed law provides that the IG shall submit an annual report to the governor and to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) at the end of each fiscal year that describes the contributions made by the office regarding the mission of preventing waste, fraud, and abuse.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>

**Annual Total**

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law makes various changes within the Office of the Inspector General (IG) to further the office's mission to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse. The office reports it can comply with the proposed measure utilizing existing resources and T.O positions.

Proposed law provides that the IG shall have the authority to contract for professional services without a public bid. LFO cannot determine if the IG will be able to procure and maintain the same services and cost efficiencies within these funding limitations, or possibly require more or fewer resources.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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