



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

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PUBLIC OFFLS/EMPS OR DECREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Prohibits payment for lodging, meals, or incidental expenses for state public officials and employees from exceeding amounts for such expenses established by the United States General Services Administration  
Proposed law prohibits any court or state entity in the judicial, no agency or entity in the legislative branch, and no agency or entity in the executive branch from paying more for lodging, meals, or incidental expenses for any state government officer or employee than the rate established by the United States General Services Administration. Proposed law provides for an exception for conferences and meetings that has lodging reserved or recommended.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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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 will likely result in an indeterminable decrease in state governmental travel expenditures. The proposed law prohibits any entity in the judicial, legislative, and executive branches from paying more for lodging, meals, or incidental expenses than the rate established by the United State General Services Administration (GSA). The proposed law provides that state officers and employees must provide documentation that staying at the reserved or recommended conference lodging would cost less than staying elsewhere and commuting. Also, the proposed law does not allow exceptions for state officers and employees to receive reimbursement for actual travel expenses.

**Executive Branch** - The proposed law will result in an indeterminable decrease in agencies within the Executive branch of state government. The Division of Administration (DOA) reports the Executive branch adopted GSA rates beginning 10/01/2022, which were incorporated into the official state travel Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM49). The DOA anticipates a reduction in conference lodging expenses under this measure; however, any reduction in travel expenses would be realized at the department and agency level as travel is decentralized.

**Legislative Branch** - The proposed law will result in an indeterminable decrease in travel expenditures within the Legislative branch. The Legislative branch utilizes PPM49 for travel reimbursement. Any anticipated decrease in state travel expenditures under this measure depends on the number of state officers and employees traveling as well as if there realized savings on conference lodging compared to staying elsewhere and commuting.

**Judicial Branch** - The proposed law will result in an indeterminable decrease in travel expenditures within the Judicial branch. The LA Supreme Court (LASC) indicates the GSA rates for meals and incidentals are lower than the current LASC meals and incidental reimbursement rates. However, the LASC reports a one-time expenditure increase of approximately \$15,000 to update its software to default to GSA lodging rates.

Note: For purposes of simplicity, the reduction in travel expenses are reflected above as SGF, but may impact all means of financing (except Local Funds).

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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