

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	23-5817/1	Introduction Number	SB-1010	Estimate Type	Original
Description use of artificial intelligence by state agencies and staff reduction goals					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill requires each agency's biennial budget request to include a proposal to reduce the total number of the agency's position authorizations for each fiscal year. It is not clear how this requirement would differ from the existing Act 201 requirement. However, this would increase the amount of time required in preparing the Commission's budget request each biennium. It would also increase the amount of time and information that the Commission would have to consider in preparing and approving its budget request. The fiscal impact of this new requirement is not known until the requirement is further clarified. Additionally, it is important to note that the Commission is currently insufficiently staffed. The Commission would not be able to carry out its statutory duties if staff is reduced. It is not clear how this provision could be complied with for agencies that cannot afford to reduce staffing.

Further, as to the use of AI, it is not clear what is meant to be included as an AI resource. As AI is generally conceived and discussed, it is not clear that any of the Commission's applications use AI. Further, use of AI, as that term is commonly thought of, with our regulated community would not be appropriate at this time.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

While the bill does not require the reductions to occur, and though there may be fiscal saving by reducing the number of staff, the Commission does not presently envision a situation where it could carry out its statutory duties if reductions occurred.