

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description A fraud, waste, and mismanagement hotline at the Legislative Audit Bureau		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2007 Senate Bill 86 directs the Legislative Audit Bureau to maintain a toll-free telephone line with voice mail to receive reports of fraud, waste, and mismanagement in state government, to investigate the reports received, and to publicize the toll-free telephone number on its Web site.

Within its current budget, the Bureau can absorb the costs to establish the toll-free telephone line and to publicize the telephone number on its Web site. The cost of staff efforts to investigate reports of fraud, waste, and mismanagement in state government will depend both on the level of activity and the nature of the reports received. Therefore, actual staffing costs are difficult to predict. While it is expected that such investigations could be accommodated within the Bureau's current operations, these efforts may delay audits that are currently underway and reduce the flexibility of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee in directing the Bureau to conduct future audits and evaluations.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications