# Fiscal Estimate - 2025 Session

☒ Original　　　☐ Updated　　　☐ Corrected　　　☐ Supplemental

| LRB Number　25-2507/1 | Introduction Number　AB-0275 |
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**Description**
challenges to the validity of administrative rules and making an appropriation

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**
☐ No State Fiscal Effect
☒ Indeterminate

☐ Increase Existing Appropriations
☐ Increase Existing Revenues
☒ Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
☐ Yes　　☒ No

☐ Decrease Existing Appropriations
☐ Decrease Existing Revenues
☐ Decrease Costs

☐ Create New Appropriations

**Local:**
☐ No Local Government Costs
☐ Indeterminate

1. ☐ Increase Costs　　3. ☐ Increase Revenue
　☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory　☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
2. ☐ Decrease Costs　　4. ☐ Decrease Revenue
　☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory　☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
☐ Towns　☐ Village　☐ Cities
☐ Counties　☐ Others
☐ School Districts　☐ WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**　　　　　**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**
☐ GPR　☐ FED　☐ PRO　☐ PRS　☐ SEG　☐ SEGS

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This legislation, if enacted, would require courts to reimburse the reasonable attorney fees and costs of litigants who succeed in invalidating administrative rules or guidance documents that have been promulgated or adopted by agencies. The Department does not promulgate or adopt rules or guidance it believes to be invalid, of course, and therefore does not expect that such rules or guidance would be invalidated by a court in a judicial proceeding. But the prospect of a fee award upon a favorable final judgment would incentivize more litigants to commence such proceedings, while simultaneously deterring them from settling or dismissing those challenges prior to exhausting all legal avenues to obtain that judgment. Therefore, the bill would likely increase the volume and duration of litigation involving the agency and require additional expenditure of agency resources in an indeterminate amount.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**