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## **Open Government Impact Statement**

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Measure: SB 1505

Only impacts on Original or Engrossed Versions are Considered Official

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## SUMMARY

Allows certain former employees of office of President of Senate who were separated or terminated from employment due to certain unlawful conduct to file complaint with Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries within one year after passage of Act. Authorizes commissioner to accept and investigate complaints received. Requires commissioner, upon finding of substantial evidence, to take steps to settle matter. Requires commissioner to notify Legislative Administration Committee each time settlement agreement has been reached.

Provides complainants with right to bring civil action for relief within one year after commissioner dismisses complaint.

Establishes Settlement Funds Account, separate and distinct from General Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in account to Legislative Administration Committee to transfer funds to Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries in \$100,000 increments for payment of up to eight settlements payable under settlement agreements entered into pursuant to Act.

Requires Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries to provide to each member of Legislative Assembly report that summarizes details of each payment for settlement and indicates whether commissioner has received more than eight complaints.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## **OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT**

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure terms or conditions of a settlement agreement, entered into pursuant to this measure, that reveal the identity of a person to whom the settlement is paid.

If the public records were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain information related to individuals receiving a settlement under this measure.