FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Directs Governor to designate corrections gender-responsive coordinator.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Office of the Governor, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Department of Corrections (DOC)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Governor's Office	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$229,011	\$542,282
Services and Supplies	\$50,936	\$50,936
Total General Fund	\$279,947	\$593,218
Positions	2	2
FTE	0.63	1.50

Department of Administrative Services	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund		
Special Payment	\$500,000	\$0
Total General Fund	\$500,000	\$0
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

Department of Corrections	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$40,849	\$81,700
Services and Supplies	10,572	5,034
Total General Fund	\$51,421	\$86,734
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.25	0.50

Analysis:

This measure directs the Office of the Governor to designate at least one corrections Gender-Responsive Coordinator and directs the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide the coordinator with access to the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility (Coffee Creek) in order to carry out assigned duties. The Gender-Responsive Coordinator will create a General-Responsive Advisory Council consisting of justice-involved individuals and report to the Legislative Assembly during the 2025 regular session. The Gender-Responsive Coordinator position described in the measure, cannot be an employee of the Department of Corrections and would reside in the Office of the Governor.

The measure also directs the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to contract with a third-party to assess Coffee Creek's strategic planning process, policy recommendations, and improved protections for those serving sentences. This contract must be in place by September 1, 2022. This measure sunsets July 1, 2025 and declares emergency, effective on passage.

The Department of Administrative Services estimates the fiscal impact of the measure to be \$500,000 General Fund for the 2021-23 biennium. This is a one-time cost that represents the immediate contract with a third-party to assess Coffee Creek.

The Office of the Governor reports that it would need to hire a Principal Executive Manager G to serve as the Gender-Responsive Coordinator. This position would assist in the creation of the Gender-Responsive Advisory Council, which will meet quarterly to receive input on the assessment. The Office of the Governor would also need to hire an Executive Support Specialist 2 part-time to provide administrative support to the coordinator. The Office of the Governor estimates the costs to be \$279,947 General Fund, 2 positions (0.63 FTE) for the 2021-23 biennium and \$593,218 General Fund, 2 positions (1.50 FTE) for the 2023-25 biennium. Included in the estimated costs are standard services and supplies for both positions.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) reports that it would need additional staff to coordinate with the Gender-Responsive Coordinator in the Governor's Office and with stakeholders to manage visitor authorization and facility access; schedule and coordinate call-outs, meetings, and all other work associated with DOC observation, interviews, and any other DOC participation and contributions to complete the formal assessment required by the bill. The Department estimates the costs for one limited duration part-time Administrative Specialist 1 position to be \$51,421 General Fund for the 2021-23 biennium. Because the measure is repealed on July 1, 2025, DOC anticipates needing the limited duration position to continue into the 2023-25 biennium at an estimated cost of \$86,734 General Fund (0.50 FTE).