

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation removes the responsibility of the Office of the Attorney General to provide legal representation to the Department of Lands and allows the Department of Lands to hire or contract its own legal counsel.

FISCAL NOTE

Costsavingsto the Attorney General's budget is estimated to be \$382,311 in ongoing savings. Due to the ability to contract on an hourly basis as needed, rather than hiring three full time employees and paying benefits, the cost to the Department of Lands is difficult to estimate. Cost for private outside counsel are estimated at \$250/hr.

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