

SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COUNCIL

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FISCAL NOTE 2017-HB1076A - HOUSE ENGROSSED VERSION

HB 1076 create a State Government Accountability Board.

Section 1 creates a State Government Accountability Board (Board) to consist of four members. Each member is to be paid the same per diem and expenses as members of interim committees of the Legislature. The per diem for members of interim legislative committees is \$142. Expenses related to attending legislative meetings are also reimbursed for mileage, \$55 or \$70 plus tax for lodging per night, and \$32 per day for meals. We estimate the total travel related expenses per member per meeting to be \$260. Additionally, we estimate that supplies and materials will cost \$300 per meeting. HB 1076 does not require the Board to hold a certain number of meetings annually. Therefore, we worked off the assumption that the Board would meet quarterly. Based off these assumptions, the total annual cost of the Board is estimated to be \$7,712.

Per Diem for Board Members	\$2,272
Board Member Travel Expenses	\$4,240
Supplies and Materials	\$1,200
Total	\$7,712

Section 11 states that the Board is attached to the Office of the Attorney General for administrative and budgetary support. Therefore, the annual cost of the Board would be paid by the Attorney General's office.

In addition to ongoing operating expenses related to the Board, there is potential for expenses related to investigating alleged complaints. The number of investigations and the cost of conducting those investigations is purely speculative and an estimate is not included in this fiscal note. However, section 11 also states that the investigative and legal expenses authorised by the Board for investigating complaints will be paid for by the Extraordinary Litigation Fund.

The estimated cost of HB 1076 for operating expenses related to the Board is \$7,712, with the potential for additional investigation costs to be paid out of the Extraordinary Litigation Fund.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Jason Hancock DATE: 3/7/2017