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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB844 by Hinojosa (Relating to longevity pay for assistant prosecutors.), As Introduced

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB844, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	\$0
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from FELONY PROSECUTOR SUPPLEMENT FUND 303
2008	(\$600,000)
2009	(\$600,000)
2010	(\$600,000)
2011	(\$600,000)
2012	(\$600,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code to change the name of Felony Prosecutor Supplement Fund No. 303 (Other Funds) to the Assistant Prosecutor Supplement Fund No. 303 and to require the State to pay salary supplements to all assistant county attorneys. The bill would make a conforming amendment.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Methodology

The bill would change the definition of assistant prosecutor to include all assistant county attorneys. Previously, the statute only required payment of longevity pay to assistant county attorneys of county attorneys paid to perform the duties of district attorney. The Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Office estimates this statute change would require an increased appropriation from the fund to pay the supplement to an additional 300 assistant county attorneys.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. To the extent counties must report county attorneys eligible for longevity pay to the State, the fiscal implication of the additional administrative duties is not anticipated to be significant.

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