

## AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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### **SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Date Prepared:** January 30, 2026

*Check all that apply:*

**Bill Number:** HB 201

Original  Correction

Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Representative Cathrynn N. Brown and Senator Natalie Figueroa  
**Short** IPRA Task Force Funding

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### **SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

#### **APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

<b>Appropriation</b>		<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>		
\$500.0	\$500.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

#### **REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

<b>Estimated Revenue</b>			<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

#### **ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

#### Synopsis:

House Bill 201 makes an appropriation of \$500,000 from the general fund to the Attorney General for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The appropriation will be utilized to hire staff in order to support a task force convened by the Attorney General to study the Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA). Any funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 will revert to the general fund.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

House Bill 201 creates a nonrecurring appropriation of \$500,000 over two fiscal years. The funds are limited to supporting staff capacity for a limited-time task force and do not create an ongoing funding obligation. Any remaining funds will revert to the general fund at the end of fiscal year 2027.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

House Joint Memorial 2 would request the Attorney General to convene a task force to study the implementation of IPRA. House Bill 201 would provide an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Attorney General to fund staffing for the IPRA task force.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

#### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

If House Bill 201 is not enacted, the Office of the Attorney General may not have sufficient funding to staff the task force to study IPRA if House Joint Memorial 2 passes.

#### **AMENDMENTS**