

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	ESB 646
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Impact:	LSB to Employ Existing Resources and Program Savings; Audit Costs/Tax Reviews Dependent Upon Availability of Funding

Bill Summary

Fiscal Summary

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ESB 646 enacts the “Accountability, Innovation and Privatization Act,” which creates the Joint Committee on Accountability, Innovation and Privatization, and the Office of Accountability, Innovation and Privatization (OAIP) to be located within the Legislative Service Bureau (LSB). The LSB shall provide office space, equipment and other administrative support that may be required by the OAIP. The purpose of the Act is to require the conduct of performance audits, review tax incentives, study the feasibility of privatizing governmental assets and services and investigate and eradicate waste, fraud, abuse and corruption in state government, to ensure that taxpayer funds are being used efficiently and effectively and that state agencies are using the best practices available. The “Joint Committee” shall be staffed jointly by the staff of the fiscal divisions of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the staff of the OAIP. The Joint Committee shall appoint and fix the compensation of the Director of the OAIP, who shall employ and fix the compensation of the employees of the Office. The OAIP shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, performance audits and tax incentive reviews as directed by the Joint Committee.

Fiscal Analysis

It is the finding of the Legislature that the LSB is able to implement the provisions of Act using existing resources through savings derived in other agency program areas.

The Office of Personnel Management advises that based on the Hay Group Agency Director Salary Structure, as adjusted for 2008, the suggested OAIP Director’s salary would be as follows: minimum - \$75,642; midpoint - \$88,991 and maximum - \$102,340. Full-time-equivalent (FTE) employee costs would be dependent on the number and the type of positions to be filled.

The performance audit and tax reviews authorized by the Act will be initiated subject to the availability of funding.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

As Stated Above

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