

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1644
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Impact:	Revenue Increase Attorney General

Research Analysis

Not required.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute for HB1644 authorizes the Attorney General (AG) to collect fees from state officers, boards and commissions if legal services are provided. The measure also requires state agencies to obtain approval of the AG before contracting with a private attorney. Currently agencies only have to obtain approval if the case exceeds \$20,000. HB1644 prohibits the state from entering into contingency-fee contracts without a written determination by the AG and sets caps on contingency fees. The AG retains complete control over the course and conduct of any contingency-fee case.

The proposed changes will increase revenue for the AG in cases where agencies would otherwise hire private attorneys. It is unknown whether the AG's fees would cost the agencies more or less than private attorneys.

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Other Considerations

None.