BILL SUMMARY

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.: HB3092
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Impact: Cost Dependent on Funding Levels
Agreed upon by Legislative Leadership

Research Analysis

The CS for HB 3092 establishes within the Legislative Services Bureau an Office of Accountability that will consist of 15 staff persons who will serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House and the Pro Tempore of the Senate. Duties of the office include:

- Evaluating the extent to which each agency's budget aligns with its primary responsibilities;
- Forecasting all revenue that will be available to an agency;
- Comparing current-year budget information to prior year requests;
- Investigating the operations of agencies; and
- Evaluating the extent to which agencies adhere to their constitutional and statutory duties.

Salaries for office staff will be determined by the Speaker and Pro Tempore. State agencies are directed to comply with all requests from the office.

Prepared By: Marcia Goff

Fiscal Analysis

The measure includes provisions whereby the compensation for persons serving within the Office of Accountability are to be determined through joint agreement by the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Actual costs for the office, including salaries, will be a function of funding decisions encompassed in the joint agreements as well as funding levels provided through appropriations by the Legislature.

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Other Considerations

The FY-19 Executive Budget included funding for the Office totaling \$2,000,000.

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