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Bill Analysis

SB 1473 requires the list of attorneys desiring to provide services to state agencies to be made public. Agencies entering into a private contract with an attorney must first obtain the approval of the Attorney General, who must determine whether the contract is cost-effective and in the public interest. The measure outlines various factors the Attorney General must consider before he or she can determine cost-effectiveness and whether the contract is in the public interest.

If the Attorney General approves, he or she must make a written statement showing why the contract is cost-effective and in the public interest. Any attorney on a contingency-fee basis with an agency shall maintain detailed records until at least 5 years after the contract expires. The measure retains Attorney General's right to appear in any action and when so appearing. The measure outlines the maximum allowable contingency-fee schedule. The aggregate contingency fee may not exceed \$50 million.

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