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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 452

(Washington County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Judicial Proceedings

Washington County - Office of the County Attorney

This bill authorizes the Washington County Commissioners to employ one or more county attorneys to assist in the transaction of public business. The bill authorizes the Office of the County Attorney, under specified circumstances, to hire special counsel on a temporary basis to assist the office in performing its duties.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill codifies current practice within the Washington County Attorney's Office.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Washington County Commissioners may employ attorneys at annual salaries as provided in the county budget.

Background: The Washington County Attorney's Office currently employs three full-time attorneys – the county attorney and two assistant county attorneys. The total amount budgeted for salaries in fiscal 2010 is \$283,755. The office indicates that on rare occasions, outside legal counsel is hired to assist in situations requiring specialized legal expertise.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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