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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION
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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 2/21/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: S457-341 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen. Pinto **Agency Name and Code:** DFA-341
Short Title: LOW-INCOME CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
	(\$20,000)	Nonrecurring	GF
	\$20,000	Nonrecurring	Civil Legal Services

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$3,920.00	\$3,920.00	\$7,840.00	r	gf

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 457 outlines a total of \$20 million transfer from the general fund services fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 and subsequent fiscal years to provide civil legal services to low-income persons.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 457 outlines a total of \$20 million transfer from the general fund services fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 and subsequent fiscal years to provide civil legal services to low-income persons.

Based on information provided in SB 457, it is anticipated that SB 457 will result in administrative costs that are likely to include:

Fund Management: Costs associated with the Department of Finance and Administration managing the transfer, including staff salaries, office expenses, and financial management systems.

Project Evaluation and Monitoring: Expenses related to evaluating project proposals, monitoring funded projects, and ensuring compliance with the requirements, including staff time and resources for site visits and data analysis.

Community Engagement: Costs for organizing and conducting community meetings, outreach programs, and developing community benefits agreements to monitor compliance with the appropriation referenced in the bill.

Reporting: Costs associated with preparing and submitting annual reports to the appropriate interim legislative committees, including staff time and administrative support.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Assuming 80 work hours will be needed for a PB80 annually to administer, the estimated cost per hour is \$49. $\$49 \times 80 = \$3,920.00$.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS