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President of the Senate

Senate Committee Routing of Bills with a Fiscal Impact during the 2026 Session

TO: Members of the Senate
FROM: President James Coleman
DATE: January 14, 2026

Committees Assigned by President

All bills must be referred to the committee(s) assigned by the President, even when a bill is amended to eliminate an expenditure or revenue change.

Bills Affecting Legislative Staff Resources

Bills that allocate any additional legislative staff resources must be routed to the Legislative Council in the second house.

Bills Affecting the Public Employees' Retirement Association

Any bill that potentially impacts the unfunded liability of the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA), directly affects the funding or operations of PERA, or changes PERA's investment strategy must be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Routing of Bills with Fiscal Impacts

Bills with a fiscal impact, even a potential impact, in any fiscal year, as identified in the most recent published fiscal note, must be referred to the committees on Appropriations and/or Finance, as outlined in the tables below. All other bills can be referred directly to the Committee

of the Whole, or to any other committee at the committee's discretion, with the exception of the bills identified in the section above that must be referred to Legislative Council. All bills with continuous appropriation clauses, in any fiscal year, must be referred to the Appropriations Committee.

Table 1
State Revenue

Revenue Source	Threshold / Amount	Committee
General Fund	Any increase or decrease of \$20,000 or more	Appropriations
General Fund	Any increase or decrease less than \$20,000	Committee of the Whole ¹
Cash Funds	Any increase or decrease of \$20,000 or more	Appropriations
Cash Funds	Any increase or decrease less than \$20,000	Committee of the Whole ¹

¹ Bills may be referred to the Committee of the Whole or any other committee at the committee's discretion.

Table 2
State Expenditures

Expenditure Source	Threshold / Amount	Committee
General Fund	Any increase or decrease greater than \$0	Appropriations
Cash Funds	Any increase or decrease greater than \$0	Appropriations

Table 3
State Transfers

Transfer Source	Threshold / Amount	Committee
From the General Fund	Any amount	Appropriations
From a Cash Fund to the General Fund	Any amount	Finance ¹ & Appropriations
Between Cash Funds	Any amount	Finance ¹ & Appropriations

¹ Bills with these fiscal impacts are referred to Senate Finance pursuant to Senate Rule 25 (d) (2) which requires that each bill which provides directly that any money or revenue under the control of the state shall be devoted to any purpose other than that to which it is devoted under existing law shall be referred to the Finance Committee prior to its consideration either by the Senate or by the Committee of the Whole.

Additional Notes

- Bills with only a local government impact may be referred directly to the Committee of the Whole.
 - When a bill's state fiscal impact is eliminated by amendment, and a memo to that effect is prepared by the fiscal note staff, the bill may be referred to the Committee of the Whole or to any committee at the committee's discretion.
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