



# Memorandum

To: Joint Budget Committee  
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Subject: Adjustment to Department of Education appropriation to Implement S.B. 24-142 (Expanded Oral Health Screenings]

After the Long Bill was introduced, JBC Staff was contacted by Senator Marchman about S.B. 24-142 (Oral Health Screening in Schools Pilot Program; Sens. Marchman, Kirkmeyer and Reps. Bird, Hartsook). Senator Marchman asked how the fiscal impact of the bill was being addressed in the Department of Education for FY 2026-27. After examining the bill's fiscal note and discussing the issue with the Department, staff determined that the Department had inadvertently omitted the fiscal impact from its November 1 budget request, and JBC Staff had not caught the omission.

The bill created an oral health screening pilot program for schools. The Department of Public Health and Environment has primary responsibility for oral health screening and the pilot program created in the bill, with costs beginning in FY 2024-25. However, the Department of Education is required to develop an implementation plan for expanded oral health screenings in public schools. As reflected in the final fiscal note:

**“Department of Education.** The CDE requires staff and a contractor to develop the implementation plan for expanded oral health screenings in public schools from January 2027 (FY 2026-27) to December 2027 (FY 2027-28).

- *Staff.* The CDE requires 0.1 FTE to manage the third-party contract, develop the process to collect necessary data from public school professionals, including virtual meeting opportunities and surveys, and collaborate with the CDPHE in the selection of program participants.
- *Contractor.* The CDE requires \$50,000 in FY 2026-27 to contract a vendor to develop the implementation plan, including facilitating data collection, data analysis, and drafting of final reports. The fiscal note assumes 250 hours will be required for this work at a rate of \$200 per hour.”

Given the requirements added to law, staff recommends adding an appropriation of \$64,505 General Fund and 0.1 FTE for the Department of Education for FY 2026-27, consistent with the bill's fiscal note. Most of this is a one-time cost for contract services that will be eliminated in FY 2027-28, although funding for the 0.1 FTE (\$14,505+ centrally appropriated amounts) would also be required for this department in FY 2027-28.