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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 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: 1/23/26 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 68 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Heather Berghmans **Agency Name and Code** AOC 218
Short Title: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE GOVERNMENT USE ACT **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
None	None	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(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 68 directs that public bodies establish policies for the authorized use of artificial intelligence (AI) and automated decision tools and technology resources by employees. The bill stipulates that consequential decisions must be made by an authorized human employee regardless of what an AI tool recommends. “Consequential decisions” is a defined term in the bill. The bill prohibits the use of AI tools to override security procedures except as authorized by the body’s security officer. Public bodies must make these policies available to the public upon request. The bill also states that public bodies must train employees regarding cybersecurity and employee use of AI, automated decision tool and technology resources, and the appropriate use of these resources in decision making.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None. This bill aligns with the judiciary’s approach to the ethical use of AI and will not require significant revisions to existing policy documents, training processes, or cybersecurity practices.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None. The policy-related training and other requirements fit within our current approach and will not create significant new administrative overhead.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo

AMENDMENTS

None