

FISCAL NOTE

This bill restricts government entities from expending public funds to pay membership dues to government membership associations and reimbursement for expenses related to travel for participation in activities sponsored by such associations. This bill is effective immediately.

Expenditure Decrease:

Based on analysis of data from the State’s accounting system (WOLFS), this bill may result in an expenditure decrease of approximately \$3.2 million in the 2027-2028 biennium. In the 2023-2024 biennium, approximately fifty-six state or judicial agencies expended approximately \$3.2 million from funds supported by tax revenue on association dues. See Table 1.

When identifiable, the analysis excluded: 1)agency expenditures on association dues from funds supported by non-tax revenue, such as occupational licensing fees, 2)expenditures for professional licensing or continuing education, and 3)expenditures related to registration and travel to association conferences.

Table 1. Estimate of State Agency Expenditures on Association Dues for the 2023-2024 Biennium.

General Fund	\$2,789,705
School Foundation Program	\$260,514
All Other Funds	\$138,392
TOTAL	\$3,188,611

Source: LSO analysis of WOLFS data for transaction code 0207.01 Dues and Membership Fees: Individual or agency participation in associations, organizations, or conventions that benefit the state or the agency including the cost of subscriptions that accompany these memberships, current professional licensing fees for employees that is necessary or required to perform their current job or enable the employee to remain current in the job-related field such as driver license fees, CDL, notary commissions, certifications, accreditation, etc.

Assumptions:

Expenditures on association dues have been static since 2023-2024.

Accurate WOLFS data populated by transaction code and accurate determinations of expenditures outside of the scope of association dues.

Administrative Impact:

This bill has an indeterminable administrative impact on agencies, as it requires documenting participation in government association activities and publication of that information on agency websites.