

**SSB 5998** - S AMD 776  
By Senator Gildon

ADOPTED 02/27/2026

1 On page 112, line 25, increase the General Fund—State  
2 Appropriation (FY 2027) by \$50,000

3 Adjust the total appropriation accordingly.

4 On page 116, after line 4, insert the following:

5 "(12) \$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2027 is provided solely for the risk management division of the  
7 department to issue a report to the legislature by June 30, 2027,  
8 recommending changes to statutes, rules, and agency policies to stop  
9 the growth in state tort liability."

10 On page 538, after line 17, insert the following:

11 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 907.** A new section is added to 2025 c 424  
12 (uncodified) to read as follows:

13 During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, within 12 months of an  
14 award of \$5,000,000 or more arising from a claim in which the state  
15 was a defendant, the appropriate committees of the legislature shall  
16 conduct a joint hearing for the purpose of reviewing the claim and  
17 considering potential modifications to state government practices and  
18 policies to prevent or reduce future liability for tortious conduct  
19 by the state. No information protected by attorney-client privilege  
20 or the attorney work product doctrine shall be presented at the  
21 hearing."

22 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
23 internal references accordingly.

**EFFECT:** (1) Requires that the DES Risk Management Division  
produce a report recommending changes to statutes, rules, and agency  
policies to stop the growth in state tort liability.

(2) Requires legislative committee hearings on state tort  
settlements of \$5,000,000 within 12 months of the settlement during  
the 2025-2027 biennium.

EXPENDITURE EFFECT (2025-2027): \$50,000 Near General Fund—State/  
\$50,000 Total Funds

FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK EXPENDITURE EFFECT: \$50,000 Near General Fund—  
State

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