

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6736

BILL NUMBER: HB 1248

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 16, 2026

BILL AMENDED: Feb 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Advanced DNA Testing for Cold Cases.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Hamilton

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Carrasco

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes a process concerning eligibility for advanced DNA testing for cold cases.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill may increase workload and expenditures for a law enforcement agency to agree to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a qualified entity and transfer the DNA evidence to a lab with advanced DNA testing at the notice from a qualified entity. The increase in workload and expenditures will depend if a law enforcement agency agrees to an MOU with a qualified entity, a victim, an eligible family member of a cold case victim, or a county coroner submits a request, and whether a qualified entity deems the request eligible. This workload and expenditure increase should be done within current resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: [*See Explanation of State Expenditures*].

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State law enforcement agencies.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources:

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