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Bill Number:	H. 5018 Introduced on January 27, 2026
Subject:	Agency Head Salary Commission, Governor and Lt. Governor
Requestor:	House Ways and Means
RFA Analyst(s):	Tipton
Impact Date:	March 5, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill provides that salaries for the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor must be based on recommendations of the Agency Head Salary Commission (AHSC) beginning with the terms commencing on January 20, 2027, and must be reviewed every four years thereafter.

This bill will have an undetermined expenditure impact on the Governor's Office, as any change to the salaries of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor will depend on future recommendations of the AHSC. The Governor's Office anticipates that any increase in salary expenditures beginning in FY 2026-27 will be managed by current resources or, depending on the salary, may require additional General Fund appropriations.

This bill will have no impact on the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA) in its administration of the AHSC, as the agency indicates that the requirements of the commission under this bill will take place under normal commission and agency operations.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 27, 2026
State Expenditure
This bill provides that salaries for the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor must be based on recommendations of the AHSC. The current salaries for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor were last changed on July 1, 1994, and are $106,078 for the Governor and $46,545 for the Lieutenant Governor. Under the bill, the AHSC must authorize a study to be conducted every four years to recommend a salary range for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor based on their job duties and responsibilities as well as the pay of governors and lieutenant governors in other states. The bill provides that beginning when the terms of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor commence on January 20, 2027, and lasting until the terms conclude, salaries for the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor must be based on recommendations from the commission.

The Governor's Office indicates that the impact will depend on future salary recommendations of the AHSC for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. The office anticipates that any increase in salary expenditures beginning in FY 2026-27 will be managed by current resources or, depending on the salary, may require additional General Fund appropriations.

SFAA indicates that the requirements of the AHSC under this bill will take place under normal commission and agency operations. Therefore, this bill will have no impact on SFAA.

State Revenue
N/A

Local Expenditure
N/A

Local Revenue
N/A

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