



# House of Representatives *State of Utah*

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Mr. Speaker:

The Revenue and Taxation Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 513**, ATTORNEY GENERAL FUNDING AMENDMENTS, by Representative V. L. Peterson, with the following amendments:

## Amendment 1

1 *Line 465 through 470:*

465 Section **63J-1-1004** . is enacted to read:

466 **63J-1-1004 (Effective 05/06/26)** Legal Services Retainer Fund.

467 (1) There is created an { **enterprise** } **expendable special revenue** fund known as the  
Legal Services Retainer Fund.

468 (2) The fund consists of agency retainers appropriated by the Legislature.

469 (3) The office shall administer the fund and may expend money from the fund as provided  
470 in this part to pay for amounts the office charges an agency for legal services.

2 *Line 471 through 475:*

471 (4) At the end of each fiscal year the Division of Finance shall:

472 (a) transfer any remaining portion of an agency's retainer that was funded by restricted  
473 funds back to the funds' original source; and

474 (b) { **transfer** } **retain in the fund** any remaining portion of an agency's retainer that was  
funded by the General

475 Fund to **be used for** the Public Policy Defense Program created in Section 63J-1-1005.

3 *Line 476 through 482:*

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476 Section **63J-1-1005** . is enacted to read:

477 **63J-1-1005 (Effective 05/06/26)** Public Policy Defense Program.

478 (1) There is created within the office the Public Policy Defense Program to be funded by:

479 (a) money {~~transferred to~~} **available to be used for** the program in accordance with

Section 63J-1-1004; and

480 (b) appropriations made by the Legislature.

481 (2) Subject to the provisions of this section, the office shall administer the program for the

482 purpose of defending the state in civil litigation that:

Respectfully,

Steve Eliason  
Chair

Voting: 6-0-5