

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0066

Title: Create commission on legislation reform

Primary

Sponsor: Christopher Harris

Status: Second Reading

Sponsor signature

Date

Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director

Date

Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	10,578	0
Revenue:		
General Fund	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(\$10,578)	\$0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact	X		Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There is a commission on legislation reform.
2. The commission must complete its work between July 1, 2001, and December 31, 2002.
3. House and Senate appointments to the commission are legislators who do not reside in Helena.
4. Three of the appointees of the Governor, the Attorney General, the State Auditor, the Secretary of State, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction reside in Helena. The remaining two appointees must travel to Helena for meetings of the commission.
5. HB 66 imposes significant workload increases on Legislative Services Division staff but requires staff to provide the services within existing resources. Staff will provide legal and secretarial support to the commission.

6. The commission is required to identify obsolete, illogical, inconsistent, poorly organized, or unconstitutional laws and will conduct 4 one-day meetings and 2 two-day meetings in Helena to complete its duties. Costs shown in this fiscal note reflect the cost of travel and other expenses for these meetings.
7. The commission will issue a report to the 58th Legislature.
8. The appropriation for the commission needs to be a biennial appropriation in FY 2002 placed in HB 2 in the Legislative Branch Interim Studies and Activities Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Personal Services	2,873	0
Operating Expenses	<u>7,705</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	\$10,578	\$0

Funding:

General Fund (01)	\$10,578
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Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):

General Fund (01)	(\$10,578)	\$0
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TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. Legislative Services Division legal staff interim responsibilities include codification and publication of the Montana Code Annotated, writing case notes and preparing annotation updates for each title, review of all administrative rules for compliance with MAPA, review of voter initiatives, providing support for interim committees and, for the upcoming biennium, the Districting and Apportionment Commission. Any time allocated to the requirements of HB 66 will result in the forfeiture of staff vacation and compensatory time.