

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0465

Title: Abolish death penalty

Primary

Sponsor: Christine Kaufmann

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature

Date

Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director

Date

Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:	0	0
Revenue:	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	0	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 are currently 6 inmates on death row at Department of Corrections, Montana State Prison (MSP).
2. The estimated cost of an execution is \$25,012 based on an execution carried out in FY 1998.
3. Variable cost per day at MSP is \$6 per inmate day.
4. It is unclear if any executions would occur in this biennium; therefore, no short-term impact can be developed.
5. There is no fiscal impact to the Judiciary, Department of Justice, Department of Public Health and Human Services, Department of Commerce, Governor's Office, or Department of Revenue.

LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

1. The average length of time from sentencing to execution is 9 years.
2. The average age of death for men is 73.6 years.
3. The average age of the 6 inmates on death row is 39.33 years old.
4. If the death sentence were abolished, the Department of Corrections would incur the cost of incarcerating 6 individuals for an average of 34.27 years.
5. Based on variable cost per day of \$6, the long-term projection total would be \$634,934.
6. The cost of each execution of approximately \$25,012.00 would not be incurred.