



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill # HB0214

Title: Require state to fly POW/MIA flag at certain times and places

Primary Sponsor: Wagoner, Kirk

Status: As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2014 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2015 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
Other (GSD - Proprietary)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
Other (GSD - Proprietary)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: This bill requires the POW/MIA flag to be displayed with the flag of the United States at specified locations.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Judicial Branch

1. This bill specifies that any building that serves as the location of a state district court must display the POW/MIA flag.
2. County entities are responsible for the operation and maintenance of buildings that house state district courts statewide.
3. The Judicial Branch assumes that any costs of displaying the POW/MIA flag will be borne by the affected local governments.

Department of Administration – General Services Division (GSD)

4. HB 214 states that the MIA/POW flag would have to be flown any day that the U.S. flag is flown on the state capitol building. This would require GSD to purchase a new flag every 3 or 4 months. These flags would cost around \$25 to \$30 each, therefore costing around \$100 per fiscal year. GSD could absorb this cost in the existing operating budget.

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:

Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

1. Requirements of HB 214 would impact counties differently depending on the length of their current flag pole.
2. If the flag pole is of sufficient height, the only cost would be initial and ongoing purchases of POW/MIA flags. Flags cost approximately \$25 to \$30 each.
3. If a county's current flag pole is not of sufficient height to accommodate an additional flag, the county would be required to purchase and install an additional flag pole. MACO would anticipate the cost at \$2,000 to \$5,000 per location for the flagpole and installation.
4. HB 214 requires a POW/MIA flag to be flown on state district court locations as well as county administrative building locations. For most counties they are the same but there are approximately less than ten where they are different buildings, so the cost could be doubled.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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