



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

**Bill #** SB0321

**Title:** Revise initiative process laws related to public involvement

**Primary Sponsor:** Thomas, Fred

**Status:** As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts           | <input type="checkbox"/> 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>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$8,192	\$5,462	\$8,274	\$5,517
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>(\$8,192)</u>	<u>(\$5,462)</u>	<u>(\$8,274)</u>	<u>(\$5,517)</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** SB 321 will require an increases in costs of the Legislative Services Division's Interim Committees & Activities as a result of the requirements in SB 321.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

1. The Legislative Services Division is required under 13-27-202, MCA, to review the text of a proposed ballot issue together with draft ballot issue statements for clarity, consistency, and conformity with the most recent edition of the bill drafting manual furnished by the Legislative Services Division.
2. SB 321 amends 13-27-202, MCA, to require that, if the text and statements are determined to be an initiative and not a referendum initiated by the voters, the Legislative Services Division must forward the initiative to the appropriate legislative interim committee. The assigned legislative interim committee is required to conduct a public hearing on the text and statements to receive input and comments.
3. It is anticipated that this requirement will increase workload of interim committees and may impact their ability to complete other statutory duties, including interim studies. The workload increase would be greater for those committees that are assigned a higher number of ballot initiatives. It is anticipated that those committees with increased workloads, if also assigned one or more study resolutions, will require additional funding or compromise the extent to which they fulfill other duties.

4. It is unknown how many ballot initiatives will be submitted to the Legislative Services Division for review. The following costs were calculated using an average number of ballot initiatives that have been filed in the last three biennia. It is assumed that the Legislative Services Division will receive 20 ballot initiatives each biennium. For the purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that six interim committees will be assigned initiatives during the interim, of which three will require funds for one additional meeting day each. (Legislative Services Division, Interim Committees- Program 21)
5. Section 4 of SB 321 requires that the Legislative Services Division make any hearing minutes and materials available on its website as well as providing copies of these minutes and materials to any person upon request. Per 2-6-110, MCA, the Legislative Services Division may charge a fee for providing copies of these materials not to exceed actual cost the Division incurs to produce and deliver the requested copies. No additional funds are required to meet this requirement.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Personal Services	\$2,707	\$1,805	\$2,707	\$1,805
Operating Expenses	\$5,485	\$3,657	\$5,567	\$3,712
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$8,192</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,462</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,274</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,517</u></b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$8,192	\$5,462	\$8,274	\$5,517
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<b><u>\$8,192</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,462</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,274</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,517</u></b>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$8,192)	(\$5,462)	(\$8,274)	(\$5,517)

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