



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

Bill # HB0251

Title: Providing for temporary legislative aides

Primary Sponsor: Essmann, Jeff

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 2016</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$120,988	\$120,988	\$120,988	\$120,988
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$120,988)</u>	<u>(\$120,988)</u>	<u>(\$120,988)</u>	<u>(\$120,988)</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 251 provides for the presiding officers and minority leaders of the house and senate to hire temporary legislative aides. Expenditures would be made in the 2017 biennium from the appropriation in HB 1 passed by the 2015 Legislature.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Legislative Branch

- Section 1 of the bill provides that temporary legislative aides are not eligible for membership in the public employees' retirement system while employed in this position, resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.
- For the purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that four part-time (20 hours per week for 24 months), temporary aides would be hired for a 24-month period, paid at a rate of \$26.66 per hour, which is a rate comparable to that of an aide to leadership in the Legislative Branch, resulting in a cost of \$241,976, which includes employer tax costs. This does not include any employer retirement contributions or employer health insurance contributions.
- If these temporary aides were to be hired during the 2017 biennium, costs would be paid from the appropriation in HB 1 passed by the 2015 Legislature, resulting in no additional fiscal impact to the state. At this time, it is further assumed that, if four part-time, temporary aides were hired during the 2019 biennium, the cost of \$241,976 for the 2019 biennium would be covered by the appropriation in HB 1 that would be passed by the 2017 Legislature.

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$120,988	\$120,988	\$120,988	\$120,988
TOTAL Expenditures	\$120,988	\$120,988	\$120,988	\$120,988
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$120,988	\$120,988	\$120,988	\$120,988
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$120,988	\$120,988	\$120,988	\$120,988
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$120,988)	(\$120,988)	(\$120,988)	(\$120,988)

Technical Notes:

Legislative Branch

- Section 1, subsection 3, of HB 251 provides that temporary legislative aides who are scheduled to work six months or more during a year, and who work at least 20 hours per week, are eligible to purchase group insurance benefits, as provided in Title 2, chapter 18, part 7, at the aide’s own expense without employer contribution. It is unclear whether this provision is in conflict with the federal Affordable Care Act.

Sponsor’s Initials

Date

Budget Director’s Initials

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