



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2021 Biennium

Bill # HB0746

Title: Revise laws related to prepaid cards for prison release funds

Primary Sponsor: Farris-Olsen, Robert

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 2020 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2021 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2022 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$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: HB 746 revises laws related to prepaid cards form inmate funds and prohibits fees from being charged to the inmate for prepaid cards.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. HB 746 would have a direct effect on the Department of Corrections' ability to offer prepaid cards to disburse release funds to an inmate. Allowing a vendor to charge fees is the only way the department can offer a prepaid device as a disbursement vehicle for release funds without incurring new costs. No vendor will offer the service without charging fees. HB 746 would require the department to cease its plan to offer the cards.
2. The department currently uses checks as the sole means of disbursing release funds but has planned to roll out a prepaid card soon. The department has been consulting with a vendor, which issues prepaid cards and maintains consumer accounts associated with the cards. The vendor does charges fees to the card holders, including a maintenance fee (\$2.50 per week), an ATM account inquiry fee (\$1.50), a fee for closing the account and requesting the balance by check (\$10), and other fees. There is no fee for activating the card or point of sale transactions.

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