



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	HB0499	<b>Title:</b>	Revise child abuse and neglect laws regarding reasonable efforts
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Trebas, Jeremy	<b>Status:</b>	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  | <input checked="" 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 2022</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 499 revises child abuse and neglect laws regarding reasonable efforts required to prevent removal of a child from the home or to reunify families following child abuse and neglect proceedings. The bill language defines reasonable efforts to include “services provided to foster care providers with equal financial support” to families working with the Department of Public Health and Human Services through a voluntary service agreement and treatment plan.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

- HB 499 does not substantially change the definition of “reasonable efforts” and would not create additional work for the Department of Public Health and Human Services. As a result, there is no fiscal impact to the state.

	<u>FY 2022 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Technical Notes:****Department of Public Health and Human Services**

- The bill language suggests that a family's financial hardship would be a cause for removal. The department does not remove children based on financial hardship. The department removes children as necessary to provide for their safety. If families face financial hardship and need services such as housing assistance, food, or other supports, the department already makes outreach internally and to other entities to obtain the services and assistance for families. This assistance with fiscal hardship is already an existing part of the department's child welfare operations.



Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

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