



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill # HB0543

Title: Revise laws related to school instruction on the Constitution and the Pledge

Primary Sponsor: Phalen, Bob

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 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>
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: This bill has no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- HB 543 amends 20-7-111, MCA, that sets out the authority for the Board of Public Education to establish the basic instructional program in Montana and to express this in standards of accreditation. The change is to require all students in grades 3 through 12 to receive instruction about the U.S. Constitution and the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition, 20-7-133, MCA, is amended to require the pledge of allegiance be said in grades K-12 instead of K-6 under current law. The bill also adds an allowance for a moment of silence after reciting the pledge.
- The OPI does not believe schools will have to purchase any additional curriculum or materials to implement these changes thus no cost to the state or local school districts.

Bob Phalen
Sponsor's Initials

2/24/2021
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Budget Director's Initials

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