



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill # HB0689

Title: Generally revise campaign finance and campaign practice laws

Primary Sponsor: Dooling, Julie

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	\$600	\$400	\$609	\$406
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$600)</u>	<u>(\$400)</u>	<u>(\$609)</u>	<u>(\$406)</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 689 generally revises campaign finance and campaign practice laws and establishes requirements for reporting contributions and expenditures from certain political committees. The total impact to the general fund is \$1,000 for the 2023 biennium and \$1,015 for the 2025 biennium.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Administration

1. HB 689 requires a person--other than an individual--who (i) leases office space from the state or Montana University System, (ii) files as a political committee under applicable law, and (iii) has more than \$5,000 in expenditures in a calendar year, to submit a report to the Legislative Services Division (LSD) by April 1 of the succeeding year pursuant to 5-11-210, MCA.
2. There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Department of Administration (DOA) since the department will not do anything different when leasing space. The political committee leasing the office space, not DOA, will be required to provide the information to the LSD under new section 1.

Commissioner of Political Practices

3. Neither the requirement that certain political committees submit reports to the Legislative Services Division, nor the repeal of Section 13-35-240, MCA, are expected to have a fiscal impact on the Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices.

Legislative Branch

4. Section 1, subsection 1, requires that persons shall submit a report by April 1 of the succeeding year to the division in accordance with 5-11-210, MCA.
5. Section 1, subsection 2 of this bill provides that the executive director of the Legislative Services Division shall distribute a copy of the report to the members of the State Administration and Veterans’ Affairs interim committee and the members of the corresponding standing committees with jurisdiction over election laws. If the report is submitted by an entity leasing property from the Montana University System, the report must also be distributed to the members of the Education interim committee and the members of the corresponding standing committees with jurisdiction over education laws.
6. It is unknown how many reports will be required to be printed and distributed during an interim, making it difficult to determine the total cost of this bill.
7. Section 8 of HB 689 provides a general fund appropriation to the Legislative Services Division for the purposes of distributing copies of reports pursuant to section 1 of this bill.
8. It is assumed that costs will include printing, photocopying, and postage relating to the distribution of reports to the appropriate legislative members.
9. It is estimated that the total cost of HB 689 to the general fund is \$1,000 in the 2023 biennium. An inflationary factor of 1.5% is applied to the 2025 biennium. HB 689 provides a general fund appropriation.
10. Due to the cyclical nature of the Legislative Branch, all costs are split as follows:
 - a. 60% in the even year of the biennium
 - b. 40% in the odd year of the biennium

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$600	\$400	\$609	\$406
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$600</u>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$609</u>	<u>\$406</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$600	\$400	\$609	\$406
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$600</u>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$609</u>	<u>\$406</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$600)	(\$400)	(\$609)	(\$406)

Technical Note:

1. The appropriation in Section 8 does not reflect a time period.

AUTHORIZED BY SPONSOR

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<i>Sponsor's Initials</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Budget Director's Initials</i>	<i>Date</i>