



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill #	SB0180	Title:	Establish an interim committee on soil health
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Primary Sponsor:	Flowers, Pat	Status:	As Introduced
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input checked="" 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 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$11,448	\$7,632	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	(\$11,448)	(\$7,632)	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact: SB 180 provides for an interim subcommittee of the Environmental Quality Council to study soil health. The total fiscal impact to the general fund is \$19,080 for the 2023 biennium.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Legislative Branch

1. SB 180 provides for an interim subcommittee of the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) to study soil health.
2. SB 180 provides for 16 members. Members shall be paid compensation and reimbursement pursuant to 5-2-301, MCA, 5-2-302, MCA, and 2-18-501 to 2-18-504, MCA.
3. It is assumed that salary will be paid to two legislative members and five other members. It is also assumed that the other nine members' agencies will pay the members' salary and travel.
4. It is assumed that travel reimbursement will be paid to five members (Section 1 (3)). Legislator mileage will not be calculated as part of this fiscal note since they will already be at the meetings and will be reimbursed as part of the existing budget.
5. Mileage is based on an average of 350 miles per member. This is the average used when calculating mileage costs for both legislators and additional members.
6. Salary for two legislators and five additional members will be \$4,532 for FY 2022 and \$3,022 in FY 2023.
7. Travel for all members will be \$6,916 for FY 2022 and \$4,610 for FY 2023.

8. Because this is a subcommittee of the EQC, it is assumed that the staff can absorb these duties. However, it is unknown how many bills are seeking to add to the duties of the Legislative Services Division. The fiscal note of each bill is prepared based on the effect of each individual bill. However, when viewed as a package, the cumulative effect of passage of more than one bill will require additional analysis and may require additional staff resources.
9. The study will be completed by September 15, 2022, so the fiscal impact is only for the 2023 biennium.

Office of the Secretary of State – Tribal Notification

10. SB 180 will have minimal cost for postage and administrative duties. The Office of the Secretary of State does not receive general fund monies for office operations but has agreed to absorb these costs in the office’s existing operating budget.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$4,532	\$3,022	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$6,916	\$4,610	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$11,448</u>	<u>\$7,632</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$11,448	\$7,632	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$11,448</u>	<u>\$7,632</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</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)	(\$11,448)	(\$7,632)	\$0	\$0

Technical Notes:

1. Pursuant to Joint Rule 40-65 (2019), (1) The bill must contain a contingent voidness clause if an appropriation is not included; and (2) A Senator may introduce a bill that includes a request for an interim study in the Senate without an appropriation, but the bill may not be transmitted to the Governor unless the bill contains an appropriation added in the House that is sufficient to conduct the study.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor’s Initials

2/15/21
Date

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Budget Director’s Initials

2/11/21
Date