



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

**Bill #** SB0303

**Title:** Generally revise laws related to telecommunications contracts with state prisons

**Primary Sponsor:** McGillvray, Tom

**Status:** As Amended in House Committee

- 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>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>(\$500)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** SB 303, as amended, removes any language amending 53-30-153, MCA, and instead creates an interim study bill. The amended bill would require the Law & Justice Interim Committee (LJIC) to study inmate telecommunications contracts and costs during the 2021-2022 interim. The LJIC would be required to consult with several stakeholders including the Department of Corrections (DOC), county sheriffs and detention center administrators, as well as families of the incarcerated and telecommunications services providers. SB 303 does not have any discernable immediate fiscal impact to the DOC. Depending on the outcome of the studies there is potential for future fiscal impact to the DOC. There is an appropriation to the Legislative Services Division from the general fund for \$500 to conduct the study.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

#### **Legislative Branch**

- Section 1, subsection 5, requires that the Legislative Audit Division conduct a performance audit of the inmate welfare fund. It is assumed that the costs related to performing this audit will be absorbed by existing HB 2 appropriation.
- Section 1, subsection 2, lists the requirements of the interim study. Section 2 provides for an appropriation of \$500 from the general fund to the Legislative Services Division. It is assumed that this appropriation, beginning July 1, 2021, will be used to cover costs related to the printing and distribution of the study results, as well as other minor operational support costs. It is further assumed that any costs related to committee travel as a result of this study will be absorbed by existing HB 2 appropriation.

3. SB 303 is one of several bills seeking to add to the duties of interim and administrative committees. The fiscal note for each bill is prepared based on the effect of the individual bill. However, when viewed as a package, the cumulative effect of passage of more than one bill may require additional analysis and may require additional resources.

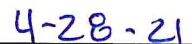


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