



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

**Bill #** HB0158

**Title:** Create study commission to review covid-19 statute & rule suspensions

**Primary Sponsor:** Hinkle, Caleb

**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 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$30,154	\$20,102	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>(\$30,154)</u>	<u>(\$20,102)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB158 creates a COVID-19 response study commission. The total impact to the general fund is \$50,256 for the 2023 biennium.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

- HB 158 creates a COVID-19 response study commission.
- The effective date of HB 158 is July 1, 2021. The termination date of HB 158 is June 30, 2023.
- HB 158 provides for six legislative members who shall be compensated as provided in 5-2-302, MCA.
- HB 158 provides for eight other members who shall be compensated as provided in 2-15-124, MCA.
- HB 158 states that the commission shall meet at least quarterly. For the purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that there will be eight one-day meetings in Helena in the 2023 biennium.
- Salary for members will be \$8,400 in fiscal year 2022 and \$5,600 in fiscal year 2023.
- Travel for members will be \$21,754 for fiscal year 2022 and \$14,502 for fiscal year 2023.
- Section 1 (9) of HB 158 states that legislative services division shall provide staff assistance to the commission using existing personnel resources.
- HB 158 provides a \$50,000 appropriation.
- It is unknown how many bills are seeking to add to the duties of the Legislative Services Division (LSD). 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 would require additional analysis and may require additional resources.

- a. LSD is not able to absorb these duties. The legislature has added two additional interim committees in the past two legislatures that LSD must staff; and LSD must staff the Districting and Apportionment Committee. The legislature has not provided for any additional resources for these additional statutory committees.
  - b. LSD currently has 12 researchers (including managers), nine attorneys, and four secretaries for 13 statutory committees.
11. Due to the cyclical nature of the Legislature, the cost was split as follows:
- a. 60% in fiscal year 2022
  - b. 40% in fiscal year 2023

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Personal Services	\$8,400	\$5,600	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$21,754	\$14,502	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>\$30,154</u>	<u>\$20,102</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$30,154	\$20,102	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>\$30,154</u>	<u>\$20,102</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<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)	(\$30,154)	(\$20,102)	\$0	\$0

**NOT SIGNED BY SPONSOR**

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 Sponsor's Initials Date Budget Director's Initials Date