



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>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$50,000)</u>	<u>\$0</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 \$18,066 for the 2023 biennium. However, the bill provided a \$50,000 appropriation, so that is the fiscal impact shown in this fiscal note.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Legislative Branch


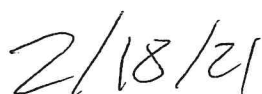


1. HB 158 creates a COVID-19 response study commission.
2. The effective date of HB 158 is July 1, 2021, and the termination date of HB 158 is December 31, 2021.
3. HB 158 provides for six legislative members who shall be compensated as provided in 5-2-302, MCA.
4. HB 158 provides for eight other members who shall be compensated as provided in 2-15-124, MCA, which allows for \$50 per day and travel reimbursement.
5. 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 three one-day meetings in Helena in FY 2022.
6. Salary for members will be \$4,470, and travel expenses for members will \$13,596.
7. Section 1 (9) of HB 158 states that the Legislative Services Division shall provide staff assistance to the commission using existing personnel resources.
8. HB 158 provides a \$50,000 appropriation.

9. 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. LSD may not be able to absorb these duties.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$4,470	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$13,596		\$0	\$0
Remaining Appropriation	\$31,934			
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$0</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)	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Technical Notes:

1. Due to the reduced timeframe for the commission (eight meetings down to three meetings), the \$50,000 appropriation provided for in HB 158 is more than needed than for expected expenditures. However, the Legislative Services Division could use the extra funds for contracting research and secretary work if the division is not able to absorb these duties. This would require further amendment of the bill.

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