



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

**Bill #** HB0671

**Title:** Implement provisions of HB2 - Section E - education

**Primary Sponsor:** Bedey, David

**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>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$789	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund (HB 671 Appropriation)	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund (HB 671 Appropriation)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>(\$5,789)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 671 creates a subcommittee to the Legislative Finance Committee to direct a study of Indian language preservation and a study of the Montana Digital Academy. The fiscal impact of HB 671 is \$5,789 for FY 2022. The bill appropriates \$5,000 for the studies.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

#### **Legislative Branch**

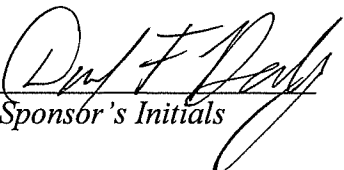
1. HB 671 directs the 2021-2022 interim Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) shall direct a study of Indian language preservation and a study of the Montana Digital Academy.
2. This bill does not specify how many members would be included on the subcommittee. For purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that the subcommittee will consist of eight-members.
3. It is also assumed that there would be one one-day meeting in Helena during FY 2022.
4. The Legislative Branch has determined it will cost \$1,439 for personal services and \$4,350 for operating expenses to conduct the studies. The bill appropriates \$5,000 for the study. The additional \$789 could be included in appropriations in HB 2 or this bill could be amended to include the additional expenses.

5. If the subcommittee chooses to meet remotely, travel costs would be mitigated, allowing for two remote meetings.
6. The LFC may adjust how the funds are spent and more meetings may be available if the meetings are combined with LFC meetings and or fewer members are appointed.
7. Section 5 provides a contingent voidness. If HB 497 is passed and approved, Section 1 (providing for the subcommittee) and Section 4 (appropriation) are void.

**Office of Public Instruction (OPI)**

8. Subsection 2 of HB 671 changes the responsibility of the Montana Indian language preservation program from the State Tribal Economic Development Commission in the Department of Commerce to the Office of Public Instruction. During appropriation subcommittee action, a general fund appropriation of \$750,000 was removed from the Department of Commerce budget and put into the Office of Public Instruction budget as restricted, biennial, one-time-only funding.
9. The OPI has determined a need for \$13,000 for personal services, \$22,000 for operating expenses and the remaining \$715,000 will be distributed as grants to Montana Indian tribes each year.
10. Section 3 repeals many versions of termination dates related to the Indian language preservation program.

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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 (Leg Branch)	\$1,439	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses (Leg Branch)	\$4,350	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Services (OPI)	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
Operating Expenses (OPI)	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
Grants to Tribes (OPI)	\$715,000	\$715,000	\$715,000	\$715,000
Transfer from Commerce to OPI	(\$750,000)	(\$750,000)	(\$750,000)	(\$750,000)
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>\$5,789</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$789	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund (01) [Appropriation]	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>\$5,789</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund (01) [Appropriation]	\$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)	(\$789)	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund (01) [Appropriation]	(\$5,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

 Sponsor's Initials	4/1/2021 Date	KA Budget Director's Initials	3-31-21 Date
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