



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill # SB0160

Title: Establish Public Service Commission appointments

Primary Sponsor: Kary, Douglas (Doug)

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>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$154,325)
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 160 reduces the number of commissioners on the Public Service Commission from five to three on January 1, 2025. The bill also changes the commissioners from elected officials to appointments of the Governor subject to confirmation of the Senate. The fiscal impact will reduce personnel services funded with state special revenue.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:


1. The bill reduces the number of commissioners from five to three.
2. Section 11 states that the Governor shall appoint three commissioners beginning January 1, 2025, after the expiration of the currently elected commissioners' terms.
3. The personal services calculation for two FTE for half of FY 2025 is a reduction of \$112,440. This is based on the Department of Administrations biennial salary survey for elected officials required per 2-16-403, 2-16-405 and 3-5-211, MCA. The last survey was conducted in 2020, with the new salaries going into effect on July 1, 2021.

- The benefits calculation for two FTE for half of FY 2025 is a reduction of \$31,885. This is based on rates in effect for Fiscal Year 2023.
- The operating expenses calculation for two FTE for half of FY 2025 is a reduction of \$10,000. This is based on \$1,250 per year for phones and office expenses and \$8,750 per year for commissioner travel.

	<u>FY 2022 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2.00)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$112,440)
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$10,000)
Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$31,885)
TOTAL Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$154,325)
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$154,325)
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$154,325)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$154,325

Technical Notes:

- Section 1 removes the process for filling a vacancy on the commission. There is no contingency on how a vacancy would be filled if a commissioner position were to become open before the new appointment date starts on January 1, 2025.



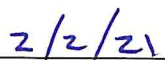
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