



The Big Sky Country

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPONSOR'S REBUTTAL TO FISCAL NOTE

House Bill Number: HB633

Date Prepared: 3/25/2021

Short Title: "Public Charter Schools Act"

Sponsor: Ed Hill

Generally, why do you disagree with the fiscal note?

FY 2022 activity will only consist of creation of the committee + authorizers. FY 2023 activity will consist of acceptance + review of charter school applications. Therefore, the cost in FY 2023 should be calculated in the same manner as FY 2022. FY 2024 activity will consist of "go live" of new charter schools.

Specifically, what in the fiscal note do you feel is flawed?

Technical notes #9 comments are outside the scope of a fiscal analysis and are inaccurate. "No limits on number of teachers, no teacher certification requirement, and no reporting requirements in order to create a public charter school."

What is your estimate of the fiscal impact? Significantly over-estimated!

None of these facts affect the fiscal impact. The express purpose of the commission is to establish requirements for charter schools, which include reporting and performance metrics. As well, the commission has the authority to limit approval of a charter school predicated on an expected ANB. Of note, traditional public schools do not change requirements around ANB, so this would be a more stringent level of scrutiny than exists in the current system!

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