



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0513 - Require consideration of harm of removal in child abuse and neglect cases (Carlson, Jennifer)

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 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$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: This bill requires evidence to be presented and considered in child abuse and neglect cases. It requires specific, written documentation as to why the risks of allowing the child to remain at home substantially outweighs the harm of removing the child.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:**Judicial Branch**

- Section 2, requires the court to weigh and evaluate written specific findings to the trauma of removing the child from the home thus causing more time on these cases.
- The Judicial Branch is unable to estimate the impact of this legislation on judicial workload or the fiscal impact. The cumulative impact of such legislation may over time require additional judicial resources because generally court dockets are full throughout the state.

Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)

- OPD assumes the intent is to decrease removals
- Child abuse and neglect cases take approximately 20 hours each
- OPD assumes any increase or decrease in filings would occur at the rate of \$71 per hour for contract attorneys for a total of \$1,420 per case
- OPD has no ability to predict the impact of HB 513 for potential increase or decrease in filings.

Department of Public Health and Human Services (department)

7. HB 513 will create additional work for child protection specialist staff when considering removal of a child from the home in child abuse neglect cases. The additional time spent will come at an opportunity cost for the department and will be absorbed into the departments existing authority.

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Sponsor's Initials

Date

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Budget Director's Initials

3-15-23

Date