



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0589 - Provide for electors of a county to petition for a grand jury (Sheldon-Galloway, Lola)

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 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund		----- unknown -----		
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	=====	=====	=====	=====

Description of fiscal impact: HB 589 provides for a grand jury to be summoned when 1/2 of 1% of the registered electors of a county sign a petition. The grand jury must be summoned and empaneled by the judge of the district court for the county receiving the petition. Per 3-5-901, MCA, the Judicial Branch is responsible for juror and witness fees and witness expenses before a grand jury.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. In a jury trial, the Judicial Branch assumes the costs of the jury postage and mailing, daily jury fees and jury travel. The average cost for a two-day jury trial is estimated at \$2,130.
2. It is not possible to estimate how many grand juries would be convened under this bill, as such the Judicial Branch is unable to estimate the fiscal impact. Therefore, the fiscal impact is shown as unknown.

Lola S. Sheldon-Galloway 2-22-23
Sponsor's Initials Date

[Signature] 2-20-23
Budget Director's Initials Date