



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0673 - Revise laws related to publishing of marijuana-related misdemeanors (Hopkins, Mike)

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

	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 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: HB 673 provides that certain records of criminal cases involving marijuana possession, to the extent practicable, should not be published on a publicly available website. While there is no fiscal impact to the Judicial Branch related to this bill, there are several technical concerns noted below.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. HB 673 has no fiscal impact to the state.

Technical Notes:

1. Expunged records are sealed and are not available on a Judicial Branch website. Subsection 1(b) is not associated with any criminal offense and thus, would not be in a court database.
2. Subsection (2) requires the Judicial Branch to post notice on the publicly available internet website and provide direction on how records that have not been expunged may be obtained. The public is already directed to the local court for any record questions.
3. Subsection (3) says the Judicial Branch shall, to the extent practicable, remove publicly available court records and other information under subsection (1) that existed before the effective date of this bill. The court administrator's office public access portal is the conduit for providing public court information maintained by each district court and court of limited jurisdiction. The court administrator's office cannot hide or remove public court actions as information comes directly from individual court databases. A party can request

expungement of a conviction using court-provided forms, or sealing of a record from the sentencing court, which would remove the conviction from the record and the public portal.

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