



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0144 - Generally revise laws related to competitive bidding requirements (Green, Paul)

Status: As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> 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: HB 144 removes the requirement that a competitive bidder of an all-beverage, retail beer and wine, or restaurant beer and wine license submit an irrevocable letter of credit for their bid to be considered. HB 144 also removes the requirement of the Department of Revenue only being able to publish one license per year by license type for all-beverage, retail beer and wine, and restaurant beer and wine licenses that were made available due to a combined quota area split. Because there are estimated to be very few quota areas with multiple licenses of the same type available, there would be no estimated fiscal impact as a result of HB 144.

Assumptions:

1. HB 144 removes the requirement that competitive bidders must submit an irrevocable letter of credit for their bid to be considered.
2. HB 144 also allows the Department of Revenue to publish more than one license per year per license type that were created due to a former combined quota area being split.
3. In past offerings of these licenses available due to a quota area split, Belgrade and Columbia Falls are the only quota areas with multiple licenses available that have had interested bidders.
4. The Department of Revenue estimates they would offer two restaurant beer and wine (RBW) licenses a year that are available due to quota splits in those two areas.

5. Any revenue generated from the competitive bidding process is dependent on the Department of Revenue receiving bids. Making a license available does not necessarily mean a bid would be received.
6. Because there are so few split quota areas that have had interested bidders in the license types available and the impact of revenue is solely dependent on receiving bids, for fiscal note purposes, the Department of Revenue estimates this legislation would create no fiscal impact.
7. This bill has an immediate effective date.



Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

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