



The Big Sky Country

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPONSOR'S REBUTTAL TO FISCAL NOTE

House Bill Number: HB37 Date Prepared: Jan 29, 23

Short Title: G. Revise Child Abuse + Neglect Laws

Sponsor: J. Carlson

Generally, why do you disagree with the fiscal note?

- Way too high + includes unreasonable assumptions including:
- Affidavits are already required - not new work.
 - 7 hours of overtime for each removal - unreasonable
 - Training by DPHHS to all law enforcement & judges on warrant writing;
 - IV-E Revenue referred to in notes is not included in summary

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

(Describe specific assumptions, calculations, technical issues, etc.)

- faulty assumptions based on amended timeline
- No consideration for federal Title IV-E funding available under FFPSA for counsel for children → which is currently being utilized.
- Technical notes are false due to amendments or have nothing to do with cost.

What is your estimate of the fiscal impact? Possibly half of fiscal note

* much lower than asserted in fiscal note

Hoping to see amended note soon, as it was

Requested 1/23/23

Sponsor Signature: _____

J. Carlson