



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 614** HLS 21RS 1012  
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Statewide  |         |                                |
| <b>Subject:</b> Power and Duties of the Revenue Estimating Conference |         | <b>Analyst:</b> Kimberly Fruge |

BUDGETARY PROCEDURES OR SEE FISC NOTE GF EX Page 1 of 1  
 Provides with respect to the budget process

Present law establishes the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC). Proposed law provides new duties and criteria that must be certified by a unanimous vote of the REC. Further, REC must certify that the proposal of the governor's executive budget meets the criteria defined in proposed law prior to submission to the legislature.

Present law requires a general appropriation bill that provides for the ordinary operating expenses of the government to be introduced. Proposed law changes present law to expenses of the executive branch of state government and requires the proposal to be finally passed before any other legislation that has the effect of law.

Proposed law becomes effective July 1, 2021.

| <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      |                      |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Ded./Other          | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Federal Funds       | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Local Funds         | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <b><u>\$0</u></b>    |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                      |
| <b>REVENUES</b>     | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
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| Local Funds         | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <b><u>\$0</u></b>    |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>           |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**


Proposed law will require procedural changes for the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC): specifically requiring that no bill appropriating money may be received by the Senate, no amendment to such a bill may be concurred in by the House, and no conference committee report may be adopted by either house of the legislature unless the REC certifies by unanimous vote prior to each instance that the bill, amendment or report meets certain criteria. Likewise, the Conference shall be required to certify, prior to its submission to the legislature, that the governor's executive budget meets certain criteria. To the extent these duties may be performed as part of a regularly scheduled meeting of the REC, the LFO assumes such workload and expenditures may be nominal. To the extent that additional meetings of the REC are required, the LFO assumes the legislature will realize minimal expenditures associated with travel and per diem if authorized for the REC members. There will be a workload impact for members serving on the REC, or designated support staff, to analyze the specified instruments before certification.

Proposed law requires that the legislature shall not finally pass any legislation that has the effect of law until it has finally passed the General Appropriation Bill (GAB). This provision would precipitate procedural changes to the historical legislative process. The expenditure impact of such a change is indeterminable and will be dependent upon speculative actions taken by the legislature as a whole to comply with this provision. If this provision can be accomplished by adding language to legislation regarding the applicability upon passage of the GAB, the impact is assumed to be nominal. If this provision is interpreted to require that the GAB must pass before any other instrument may be Enrolled by the legislature, significant procedural changes to the process of enacting legislation are likely.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}       |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H} |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

  
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