



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SJ0031.01: Interim study of mandatory reporting

Primary Sponsor: Dennis Lenz Status: As Introduced

☐ Included in the Executive Budget ☐ Needs to be included in HB 2 ☐ Significant Local Gov Impact

☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts ☐ Technical Concerns ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenues</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

### Description of fiscal impact

SJ 31 requests an interim study of mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect in the state; and requiring that the results of the study be reported to the Seventieth Legislature. Since this is a joint resolution only requesting the study, there is no fiscal impact to the Legislative Branch. SJ 31 does not identify the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) as part of the interim committee or produce the report, therefore there will not be a fiscal impact on DPHHS.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Legislative Branch

1. SJ 31 requests the Legislative Council (LC) designate an interim committee to study mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect.
2. SJ 31 provides requirements of the interim study and requires the study be completed prior to September 15, 2026.
3. The final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions, comments, or recommendations of the committee, must be reported to the Seventieth Legislature.
4. For the purposes of this fiscal note, the following is assumed:
  - a. LC may only assign to committees listed in 5-5-202, MCA.
  - b. This will not add meetings to the LC or the assigned committee because resolutions are simply a request for a study, and do not have the force of law. Each interim committee is required to adopt a work plan that outlines how the committee will use its meeting and staff time to accomplish all of the interim duties assigned to it, including any requests for studies.
5. There is no fiscal impact to the Legislative Branch.

**NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE**

Sponsor's Initials

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Date



Budget Director's Initials

4/16/2025

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