



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0020.02 (007): Require voted levies to be in dollars rather than mills

Primary Sponsor: Larry Brewster Status: As Amended in Senate Committee

☐ 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 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 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

HB 20, as twice amended, changes the current practice of designating property tax levy votes as dollars requirements or as fixed mill rates, to levying for explicit dollar amounts, only. There is no fiscal impact to the state in the forecast window.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

##### Department of Revenue

1. Currently, taxing entities may pose new property tax levies to voters in the form of a dollar amount to be raised or a set number of mills to be levied.
2. HB 20, as twice amended, removes the option for newly voted tax levies to be established in fixed mills.
3. Establishing fixed mill levies can yield revenue authority increases for jurisdictions when taxable values increase.
4. Requiring mill levies to be established in dollar amounts means reappraisal will not result in automatically increased revenue authority.
5. Taxing entities may also specify that these new mills will be subject to 15-10-420, which allows the budget authority to grow by half the average rate of inflation over the three prior years, plus newly taxable property growth.
6. No new statewide levies are currently contemplated in present law so the changes due to HB 20 have no state fiscal impact.

**Office of Public Instruction**

7. As twice amended, HB 20, Section 2, clarifies that school district levies established under Title 20 are not subject to the requirements described in section 15-10-425(2)(b).

**Significant Long-Term Impacts**

1. The university six-mill levy is set for a reauthorization vote by the electorate in November 2028. That vote would be the first state levy subject to the provisions of HB 20.



Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

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