



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0035: Allocating judicial standards commission to the department of justice

Primary Sponsor: Fiona Nave

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>				
<b>Revenues</b>				
<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 35 removes the Judicial Standards Commission (JSC) from the Judicial Branch and moves it to the Department of Justice for administrative purposes.

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Assumptions**

##### **Judiciary**


1. The Judicial Branch incurs costs for outside legal counsel related to Judicial Standards Commission (JSC) investigations.
2. In FY 2024 the Judicial Branch paid \$22,668 to outside counsel for JSC investigations.
3. Personal services costs incurred by the Judicial Branch for the JSC are approximately 15% of one FTE. The branch assumes no reduction related to personal services as the 15% of time will be spent assisting with other boards and commissions duties.
4. By allocating the costs of the JSC to the Department of Justice, the Judicial Branch will no longer incur costs related to outside counsel for JSC investigations.
5. Total general fund cost savings to the Judicial Branch in each fiscal year is estimated at \$22,668.

##### **Department of Justice**


1. The Department of Justice assumes any existing funding (\$22,668) for the Judicial Standards Commission would be transferred to or appropriated to DOJ upon passage of this bill.

## Fiscal Analysis Table

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Judicial Branch	\$22,668	\$0	\$0	\$0
Department of Justice	(\$22,668)	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>


  
Sponsor's Initials

  
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Budget Director's Initials

  
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