



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

	<b>FY 2026 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2027 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2028 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2029 Difference</b>
<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>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<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>				
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

  
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 Sponsor's Initials

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