



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0629 - Provide for attorney fees and costs in certain justifiable use of force cases (Ler, Brandon)

Status: As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>unknown</u>	<u>unknown</u>	<u>unknown</u>	<u>unknown</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 629 would allow any person charged with a forcible felony the possibility of relying upon justifiable use of force as a defense. If not convicted for any reason the state would be responsible for all attorney fees and court costs. The Department of Justice is unable to quantify the fiscal impact due to the indeterminable number of cases and associated costs. The fiscal impact to the general fund could be significant if the state is held responsible for attorney fees and costs, which could include the costs of expert witnesses.

Sponsor's Initials

3-9-2023

Date

Budget Director's Initials

3-8-23

Date