



The Big Sky Country

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPONSOR'S REBUTTAL TO FISCAL NOTE

House Bill Number: 112 Date Prepared: 2/7/2023

Short Title: Generally Revise Human Trafficking Laws

Sponsor: Joclee Etchart

Generally, why do you disagree with the fiscal note?

DCC assumes there will be no decrease to crime with harsher penalties. DCC does not take into account these criminals are being charged under 45-5-600's so moving these crimes into 45-5-700's shouldn't increase prison populations.

Specifically, what in the fiscal note do you feel is flawed?

(Describe specific assumptions, calculations, technical issues, etc.)

If DCC wants to assume 9 more convictions under 45-5-700's. Then let's also assume 9 less convictions because of the repeal of 45-5-602, 603, 604. Both DCC & CPD mention the increased fines but fail to account for that in their assumption to the fiscal impact. This is all without taking under consideration the asset forfeiture provided in 45-5-707.

What is your estimate of the fiscal impact?

Under the above points the bill is fiscally neutral and the impacts of asset forfeiture are incalculable at this time.

Sponsor Signature: _____

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