

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2310 - SB 2321**

March 11, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the governing body of any metropolitan government, or any municipality that maintains a local law enforcement entity, to authorize by resolution a question to be submitted to the voters concerning the exercise of police powers within the municipality or county having a metropolitan government. Such question shall ask whether local law enforcement should reprioritize enforcement of possession of one ounce or less of marijuana by an adult for personal use so that such adults are provided a warning in lieu of arrest. The question may be submitted at any regular August election, any regular November election, or any regularly scheduled municipal election.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

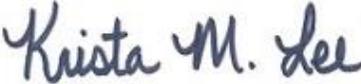
Assumptions:

- The bill will authorize a referendum vote to essentially decriminalize possession of marijuana under one ounce. It is assumed that the bill will not significantly impact elections or operations of the Secretary of State because the question must be put at a regularly scheduled election.
- If the voters of any municipality or county having a metropolitan government approve the measure, then the local government could realize a decrease in expenditures for any costs associated with prosecuting possession cases.
- There is insufficient data to precisely estimate any permissive decrease in local expenditures. However, it is reasonably assumed that any decrease in expenditures within any municipality voting to decriminalize the possession of marijuana under one ounce will not be significant.
- Any realized savings will be spent within the municipality to prosecute other criminal activities; therefore, the net fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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