
Fiscal Notes

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Arizona Process

- Not on all bills, only as requested by a member
 - Pro: less workload
 - Con: could miss important fiscal impacts, but that usually does not happen
- A note goes to all members
 - 60 a year – 10 day turnaround
- A memo goes only to requesting member
 - 40 a year – 15 day turnaround
- A member can request either a note or a memo

Observations

- 1) Check database of old notes
- 2) Search engines are a fiscal note's best friend
- 3) Proactively address the estimates of state agencies and other entities
- 4) Acknowledge possible dynamic impact, where relevant. Limited use of actual dynamic analysis.
- 5) Set Interim reporting dates on progress
 - Allows management input earlier
 - Reduces last minute decisions

Observations (cont.)

- 6) JLBC has 2 internal reviews to ensure balance
- 7) Do not rely on “cannot be determined”
 - But if you do, provide a possible magnitude
 - Use a modified “Delphi” method to develop reasonable estimates
- 8) A good reputation builds on itself