Tips for Completing a Ten-Year Cost Analysis - Ten-Year Analysis Required on All Bill Versions

While the Legislature typically no longer cares about fiscal notes for a dead bill version, if the bill contains a tax or fee, the law requires a ten-year analysis regardless of whether a version is dead or not.

Initiative 960 requires that we send notices containing a ten-year projection when:

- A bill is introduced
- A public hearing is scheduled
- A bill passes out of committee
- A bill passes on the floor

When bills are introduced, OFM reads all of them and requests ten-year analyses on those that contain a tax or fee. If a bill that we have flagged passes out of committee as a substitute before we have received the ten-year analysis for the original bill, we need both versions.

The ten-year analysis for the original bill will be used to do the bill introduction notice, and the ten-year analysis on the substitute (assuming it still contains a tax or fee) will be used for the committee passage notice.

Please do not ask us to cancel requests for fiscal notes and ten-year analyses on bills that have a more current version. We still need them, and we need the earlier versions first.

Remember that by law, ten-year analyses take precedence over fiscal notes without them.

Other Resources:

- OFM Implementation Criteria for I-960
- Ten-Year Cost Analysis (I-960) Instructions for Agencies
- For questions about how to complete a Ten-Year analysis, contact your OFM Budget Analyst.
- For system and technical questions, contact the OFM Helpdesk at (360) 407-9100 or email HereToHelp@ofm.wa.gov.