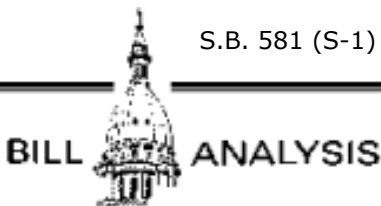




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Senate Bill 581 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Senate Bill 582 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Patricia L. Birkholz  
Committee: Finance

## **CONTENT**

Senate Bill 581 (S-1) would amend the Income Tax Act to allow a taxpayer to designate \$2 or more of his or her refund to "Amanda's Fund for Breast Cancer Research" (proposed by Senate Bill 582), or to designate a contribution amount that would be added to his or her tax liability. The bill would apply for the 2005 tax year and subsequent tax years.

Senate Bill 582 (S-1) would create the "Amanda's Fund for Breast Cancer Research Act" to establish the Fund in the Department of Community Health (DCH), and require the DCH to use money in the Fund to: support the development of a Statewide breast cancer research plan; provide information to the public about the value of breast cancer research and early detection; develop and publicize criteria for proposals to be funded under the bill; and review and approve proposals for funding. The DCH would have to solicit proposals and determine which to fund, and would have to give priority to applicants located in Michigan. Only individuals, groups, and institutions with an interest in breast cancer research activities could submit proposals.

The money in the Fund would have to be used to fund, but would not be limited to funding, proposals for applied breast cancer research, and community education programs to raise awareness through county, city, or township programs. Fund money also could be used as matching funds for a Federal grant or a grant from the National Cancer Institute.

Proposed MCL 206.438 (S.B. 581)

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

It is estimated that Senate Bill 581 (S-1) would generate about \$1 million in contributions for breast cancer research each year, beginning in FY 2005-06, based on information from Illinois, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, as well as Michigan's past experience with the Children's Trust Fund and Non-Game Wildlife Trust Fund check-offs. Given that any costs incurred to administer this check-off program would be financed using a portion of the contributions, this bill would not have any budget impact on State or local government.

Senate Bill 582 (S-1) would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the State depending on the level of Fund activity and the number of individuals, groups, or institutions that might apply for a grant. There could be a fiscal impact on local units because county, city, or township programs would be eligible to receive grants from the Fund. Money from the Fund could cover costs of the DCH to review and approve proposals to be funded under the proposed Act.

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