

**State of Rhode Island
Department of Administration
Office of Management and Budget**

Fiscal Note for Proposed Administrative Rules (R.I.G.L. § 22-12-1.1)

Name of Administrative Rule: 240-RICR-00-00-2: Declaratory Order Petitions

FISCAL IMPACT					
<i>State Revenues</i>		<i>State Expenditures</i>		<i>City/Town Expenditures</i>	
FY 2026	\$ -	FY 2026	\$ -	FY 2026	\$ -
FY 2027	\$ -	FY 2027	\$ -	FY 2027	\$ -
FY 2028	\$ -	FY 2028	\$ -	FY 2028	\$ -

Summary of Policy Change: This regulation is designed to provide clarity and certainty about how the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC) rules or orders apply to a specific situation before a dispute arises. It allows any interested person to petition for an official, binding interpretation—called a declaratory ruling—and requires the RIDOC to have clear procedures and timelines for handling those petitions, including the option to hold a hearing. Its purpose is to let people and organizations get authoritative answers about their obligations or rights under the law without waiting for an enforcement action or litigation.

Summary of State Fiscal Impact: This policy is largely procedural and is not expected to have a fiscal impact.

City or Town Impact: No impact.

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