

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title:	HB0368.02 R generating un	(005): Generally r	evise water su	pply requirements	for coal-fired
Primary Sponsor:	Gary Parry		Status:	As Amended in Ho	use Committee
☐ Included in the Executive Budget		\square Needs to be included in HB 2		☐ Significant Local Gov Impact	
☐ Significant Long-	-Term Impacts	☐ Technical Concerns		☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	
		FISCAL SU	JMMARY		
		FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Expenditures		40-000-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-			#W7
General Fund (01)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues					
General Fund (01)		(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)
State Special Revenue (02)		\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Net Impact		(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)

Description of fiscal impact

General Fund Balance

As amended, HB 368 directs \$2 million of coal severance tax revenue into a new town of Colstrip water infrastructure mitigation account within the state special revenue fund. This allocation would come out of the amount of coal severance tax revenue that is currently deposited in the general fund. HB 368, as amended, reduces general fund revenue by \$2 million per year.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

- 1. HB 368 has no effective date. Per 1-2-201, MCA, the bill will become effective October 1, 2025.
- 2. Under current law, after coal severance tax revenue gets distributed to the coal trust fund (50% of total revenue) and various other accounts (about 26.5% of total revenue), the remaining amount is deposited in the general fund (approximately 23.5% of the coal severance tax).
- 3. The provisions of HB 368 create a new allocation from coal severance tax revenue, directing \$2 million each fiscal year to the town of Colstrip water infrastructure mitigation account. This new allocation will come from the 50% of revenue that is distributed among the general fund and multiple accounts in other state funds (15-35-108(2)-(11), MCA). Since the general fund recieves the remainder after all fixed distributions are made, the new \$2 million allocation to the town of Colstrip water infrastructure mitigation account will reduce the amount deposited in the general fund by \$2 million.
- 4. Using the HJ 2 forecast for coal severance tax revenue, the table below details the impact of HB 368 on general fund revenue.

FY	Total Revenue	Existing 15-35- 108(2)-(11) Allocations	Current Law General Fund Amount	HB 368 Allocation to Colstrip Water Account	HB 368 General Fund Amount
2026	\$59.542	\$15.796	\$13.974	\$2.000	\$11.974
2027	\$55.442	\$14.726	\$12.995	\$2.000	\$10.995
2028	\$51.777	\$13.769	\$12.120	\$2.000	\$10.120
2029	\$48.633	\$12.948	\$11.368	\$2.000	\$9.368

Fiscal Analysis Table

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FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference				
(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)				
\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000				
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venue minus Funding	of Expenditures)						
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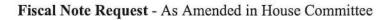
Sponsor's Initials

3/6/25 Date

Budget Director's Initials

3/5/2025

Date



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