

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill #	HB 383		Title:	372	enerally revise campaign ansparency	finance laws to increase
Primary Sponsor:	Lukas Schubert		Status	s: A:	s Introduced	
☐Significant Loc	cal Gov Impact	⊠Needs to be i	included in HB 2		☑ Technical Concerns	,\
☐Included in the Executive Budget		☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts		S	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	
	3	FY 2026	AL SUMMA FY 2027	1	FY 2028	FY 2029
Expenditures:		Difference	Difference	<u>:e</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
General Fund		\$90,000	Unable to Deter	mine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine
Revenue:						
General Fund		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-Gene	eral Fund Balance:	(\$90,000)	Unable to Deter	mine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine

<u>Description of fiscal impact:</u> HB 383 would require Montana's Campaign Electronic Reporting System (CERS) to generate and store a unique URL or web address for each registration or report filed.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

- 1. The agency assumes that Montana's current electronic filing system, the Campaign Electronic Reporting System (CERS) will require a new database to store each unique URL or web address required under HB 383.
- 2. The CERS system would also need to be updated so that the public search function would include and link to each unique URL or web address required under HB 383.
- 3. Prior to implementation, any necessary CERS updates would need to undergo testing and compliance verification.
- 4. According to HB 383, all required updates to CERS would need to be completed prior to the bill effective date of July 1, 2025. It is not feasible to implement all updates by that date.
- 5. The agency estimates a total of \$90,000 to update and maintain the CERS system, estimates these technical updates to the system would require approximately 300 total hours of work, with a total estimated cost of

\$90,000. COPP assumes this would be a one-time project and these costs would all occur in FY 2026.

	FY 2026 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2027 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2028 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2029 <u>Difference</u>					
Fiscal Impact:									
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
Expenditures:									
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0					
Operating Expenses	\$90,000	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine					
TOTAL Expenditures	\$90,000	\$0	\$0	\$0					
Funding of Expenditures: General Fund (01)	\$90,000	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine					
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$90,000	\$0	\$0	\$0					
Revenues: General Fund (01) TOTAL Revenues	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0					
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):									
General Fund (01)	(\$90,000)	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine					

Technical Notes:

- 1. If HB 383 passes, the costs of maintaining the CERS system would likely increase each fiscal year, as providing a unique URL or web address for each document or filing made in the system increases the amount of data that needs to be stored. COPP is unable to determine what those costs would be at this time.
- 2. Having all required updates completed and usable by July 1, 2025, is not feasible.

NOT SIGNED BY SPONSOR

	2/12/25			
Sponsor's Initials	Date	Budget Director's Initials	Date	