

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0401.02 (0	01): Prohibit the sale	of lab-grown me	at in the state of Mo	ontana
Primary Sponsor: Braxton Mitchell		Status:	As Amended in House Committee	
\square Included in the Executive Budget	⊠ Needs to be included	l in HB 2	☐ Significant Local Gov Impact	
☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts	☐ Technical Concerns		☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	
	FISCAL SU	UMMARY		
	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$7,942	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact General Fund Balance	(\$7,942)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact

HB 401, as amended, mandates a prohibition on the manufacture, distribution, and sale of cell-cultured edible products within the state of Montana. The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is required to promulgate and implement administrative rules governing the enforcement of this prohibition.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Labor and Industry

1. HB 401, as amended, has no fiscal impact to the Department of Labor and Industry.

Department of Public Health and Human Services

- 1. The department estimates the promulgation and implementation of the administrative rules would be done by using existing staff within DPHHS.
- 2. The department would be required to notify all retail food establishments regarding the new statutory provision in HB 401. This initiative will involve the distribution of the notifications via postal service to approximately 9,300 retail food establishments, a figure derived from the current number of active retail food licenses. It is estimated that the one-time cost for postage and materials is \$7,942 in FY 2026. This cost is based on 9,300 mailings at \$0.73 per stamp and \$0.124 per envelope.

Fiscal Analysis Table

	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Fiscal Impact				
Expenditures				
Operating Expenses	\$7,942	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$7,942	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding of Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$7,942	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$7,942	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
Net Impact to Fund Balance (R	evenue minus Funding	of Expenditures)		
General Fund (01)	(\$7,942)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

3/3/2025

Date