

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

| Bill#/Title: HB0418.01: Ban mRNA vaccines in Montana for animals | | | | | | | | |
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| Primary Sponsor: Greg Kmetz | | | Status: | As Introduced | | | | |
| ☐ Included in the Executive Budget | | ☐ Needs to be included in HB 2 | | ☐ Significant Local Gov Impact | | | | |
| ☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts | | ☐ Technical Concerns | | ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | | | | |
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| | | FY 2026 Difference | FY 2027 Difference | FY 2028 Difference | FY 2029 Difference | | | |
| Expenditures | | <u> </u> | 21110101100 | 2 | 24444 | | | |
| State Special Revenue (02) | | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | | | |
| Revenues | | | | | | | | |
| State Special Revenue (02) | | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | | | |
| Net Impact | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | | | |
| General Fund E | Balance | | | | | | | |

Description of fiscal impact

HB 418 prohibits both the administration of gene-based vaccines into animals and the importation of animals treated with or exposed to gene-based vaccines, providing a penalty for such actions. There is a cost to the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) for initial rulemaking.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Livestock

- 1. Adding the new import restriction will not alter Livestock's budget, duties, or operational tempo.
- 2. HB 418 creates a \$500 fine for purposefully or knowingly prescribing or dispensing gene-based vaccines in animals.
- 3. Fines collected will be deposited into Department of Livestock's Animal Health Enterprise fund.
- 4. Any foreseeable revenue generated through fines is expected to be negligible.

Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

- 5. The total rule making costs to the Board of Veterinary Medicine are estimated to be \$10,000.
- 6. The board will utilize the department legal services to complete the necessary revisions. Rule making costs include Secretary of State fees for rules proposals and adoption.
- 7. DLI anticipates a nominal number of complaints with potential for investigations. Costs can be covered by current resources within the department.

Fiscal Analysis Table

| Department of Labor and Indu | istry | | | |
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| | FY 2026 Difference | FY 2027 Difference | FY 2028 Difference | FY 2029 Difference |
| Fiscal Impact | | | | |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Operating Expenses | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL Expenditures | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Funding of Expenditures | | | | |
| State Special Revenue (02) | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL Funding of | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Revenues | | | | |
| State Special Revenue (02) | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL Revenues | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Impact to Fund Balance (R | evenue minus Funding | of Expenditures) | | |
| State Special Revenue (02) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Sponsor's Initials

Budget Director's Initials

2/12/2025

Date