



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0058: Revise distributions mine remediation**

Primary Sponsor: Jerry Schillinger

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

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures				
Revenues				
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact

HB 58 redirects funding in the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), originating from the Orphan Share fund, from the Metal Mine Reclamation Project Fund to establish a State Special Revenue Fund to cover costs for water treatment at the CR Kendall Mine. The total funding impact for DEQ would have a net impact of zero.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions


Department of Environmental Quality

1. HB 58 establishes a state special revenue account known as the CR Kendall Operating Expenses account.
2. Per 75-10-743, MCA, up to \$1.2M annually will continue to be transferred from Orphan Share to the Environmental Quality Protection Fund (EQPF) annually.
3. Per 75-10-704, MCA, 50% or up to \$600,000 annually of Orphan Share transfer will continue to be directed from EQPF to the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site.
4. Per 75-10-704, MCA, 50% or up to \$600,000 annually of Orphan Share transfer will be directed from EQPF to metal mine reclamation.
5. Section 75-10-704, MCA, is amended to direct \$500,000 annually of the metal mine reclamation funds to the state special revenue fund established for water treatment at the CR Kendall Mine through June 30, 2038.
6. Section 75-10-704, MCA, is amended to direct up to \$100,000 annually to metal mine reclamation projects at abandoned mine sites, as provided in 82-4-371, MCA.
7. Due to an influx of federal funding, the DEQ Abandoned Mine Lands Program has adequate federal funding for thirteen years and a reduction of the transfer from the EQPF transfer will not impact metal mine reclamation projects at abandoned mine sites.

Fiscal Analysis Table

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Fiscal Impact				
Expenditures				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CR Kendall	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Metal Mine Reclamation	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)
TOTAL Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding of Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hard Rock Reclamation fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hard Rock Reclamation fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



 Sponsor's Initials

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