

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title:	HB0833.02 (003): Provide funding t	o increase corre	ctional capacity		
Primary Sponsor:	John Fitzpatrick		Status:	As Amended in House Committee		
☐ 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 SU	JMMARY			
		FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference	
Expenditures		<u> </u>				
General Fund (01)		\$126,750,000	\$126,750,000	\$1,776,250	\$1,802,894	
Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Capital Development (05)		\$123,000,000	\$123,000,000	\$0	\$0	
Revenues						
General Fund (01)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Capital Development (05)		\$123,000,000	\$123,000,000	\$0	\$0	
Net Impact		(\$126,750,000)	(\$126,750,000)	(\$1,776,250)	(\$1,802,894)	

Description of fiscal impact

General Fund Balance

HB 833 provides \$250 million for assessment, transition, planning, construction, operation, etc. for additional correctional capacity and \$3.5 million for operations and maintenance. The assessment will determine which type of facility will be acquired, which will determine how and from what fund type the funds will be expended. Department of Corrections will report quarterly to three interim committees throughout the assessment and construction of the project.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

- 1. HB 833 creates the Future of Corrections State Special Revenue fund.
- Section 3 contains a \$246 million transfer from general fund into the Capitol Developments Long-Range Building Program Account.
- 3. Section 2 appropriates \$4 million from the general fund to assess the options provided for correctional capacity as well as for costs incurred once a method to expand correctional capacity is selected.
- 4. The options to create additional correctional capacity are: state build, build-to-lease, and lease-to-own.
- 5. After analysis and review, if the "state build" option is used, the following assumptions apply:
 - a. For purposes of this fiscal note, the "state build" option is assumed.
 - b. Capital development (CD) projects and appropriations are valid until projects are completed in accordance with 17-7-212, MCA. For the purpose of this fiscal note, the project shows as expended in FY 2026 and FY 2027. The actual schedule of expenditures and transfers will differ.

- c. CD projects that result in a new facility as defined in 17-7-201(8), MCA, must be funded for operations and maintenance or may not be authorized by the legislature unless as provided in 17-7-210, MCA.
- d. Section 4(3)(a) contains a general fund biennial appropriation of \$3.5 million for operations and maintenance
- e. A 1.5% inflation factor is applied to FY 2028 and FY 2029 for operations and maintenance.
- 6. If an option other than "state build", "renovation", or "purchase" is selected, up to \$246 million transferred to the Capital Developments Long-Range Building Program Account can be subsequently by transferred to the Future of Corrections State Special Revenue Account created in Section 1. The state special revenue will be used for "build to lease" or "lease to own" expenses.
- 7. The Department of Corrections will report quarterly on progress quarterly to three interim committees until the project is completed.

Fiscal Analysis Table

	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference			
Fiscal Impact							
Expenditures							
Operating Expenses	\$3,750,000	\$3,750,000	\$1,776,250	\$1,802,894			
Transfers	\$123,000,000	\$123,000,000	\$0	\$0			
Capital Outlay	\$123,000,000	\$123,000,000	\$0	\$0			
TOTAL Expenditures	\$249,750,000	\$249,750,000	\$1,776,250	\$1,802,894			
Funding of Expenditures							
General Fund (01)	\$126,750,000	\$126,750,000	\$1,776,250	\$1,802,894			
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Capital Development (05)	\$123,000,000	\$123,000,000	\$0	\$0			
TOTAL Funding of	\$249,750,000	\$249,750,000	\$1,776,250	\$1,802,894			
Expenditures							
Revenues							
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Capital Development (05)	\$123,000,000	\$123,000,000	\$0	\$0			
TOTAL Revenues	\$123,000,000	\$123,000,000	\$0	\$0			
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Reve	enue minus Funding	of Expenditures)					
General Fund (01)	(\$126,750,000)	(\$126,750,000)	(\$1,776,250)	(\$1,802,894)			
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Capital Development (05)		\$0	\$0	\$0			

Sponsor's Initials

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