



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0927.01: Generally revise laws related to illegal aliens

Primary Sponsor: Lukas Schubert 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 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2027 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2028 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2029 Difference</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Expenditures | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$252,877 | \$190,389 | \$195,643 | \$198,577 |
| Revenues | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Impact | <u>(\$252,877)</u> | <u>(\$190,389)</u> | <u>(\$195,643)</u> | <u>(\$198,577)</u> |
| General Fund Balance | | | | |

Description of fiscal impact

HB 927 establishes a requirement for certain professionals and officials to report individuals who are not lawfully present in the United States to the Montana Department of Justice (DOJ). HB 927 would require a DOJ employee to receive reports, provide notifications specified, make an audio recording to be retained for 3 years, and when lawful, provide the US immigration agency with information received in the report. To effectively administer the HB 927 requirements, a reporting website and telephone hotline would need to be established, and 2.00 FTE would be needed. The bill contains a \$500 appropriation, but additional resources are required.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Justice (DoJ)

- It is assumed that a Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) administrative assistant would be needed to operate the reporting hotline.
 - Personal service costs are estimated at \$59,948 in FY 2026, \$62,346 in FY 2027, \$64,259 in FY 2028, and \$65,222 in FY 2029.
 - Operating costs are estimated at \$14,681 in FY 2026, \$8,789 in FY 2027, \$8,921 in FY 2028, and \$9,055 in FY 2029.
- It is assumed that a criminal investigator would be needed to initiate investigations and make referrals.
 - Personal service costs are estimated at \$89,664 in FY 2026, \$92,062 in FY 2027, \$94,863 in FY 2028, and \$96,286 in FY 2029.
 - Operating costs are estimated at \$33,084 in FY 2026, \$27,192 in FY 2027, \$27,600 in FY 2028, and \$28,014 in FY 2029.
 - Agent investigative equipment of \$55,000 would be needed in FY 2026.
- HB 927 includes a \$500 appropriation for creating a reporting website.

4. A HB 13 base rate increase of \$1.00 per FTE per fiscal year is reflected in FY 2026 and FY 2027.
 5. An inflationary increase of 1.5% is reflected in FY 2028 and FY 2029.

Fiscal Analysis Table

| Department of Justice | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | FY 2026 Difference | FY 2027 Difference | FY 2028 Difference | FY 2029 Difference |
| <u>Fiscal Impact</u> | | | | |
| FTE | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| TOTAL Fiscal Impact | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | | | | |
| Personal Services | \$149,612 | \$154,408 | \$159,122 | \$161,508 |
| Operating Expenses | \$48,265 | \$35,981 | \$36,521 | \$37,069 |
| Equipment | \$55,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL Expenditures | \$252,877 | \$190,389 | \$195,643 | \$198,577 |
| <u>Funding of Expenditures</u> | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$252,877 | \$190,389 | \$195,643 | \$198,577 |
| TOTAL Funding of Expenditures | \$252,877 | \$190,389 | \$195,643 | \$198,577 |
| <u>Revenues</u> | | | | |
| <u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u> | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | (\$252,877) | (\$190,389) | (\$195,643) | (\$198,577) |

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Sponsor's Initials

Date



Budget Director's Initials

4/7/2025

Date