



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0930.01: Revise watercraft laws related to nighttime boating and skiing

Primary Sponsor: Curtis Schomer 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>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenues</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>(\$1,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>				

### Description of fiscal impact

HB 930 revises the watercraft laws to allow for the nighttime operation of motorboats or vessels towing persons engaged in waterskiing or related activities as long as vessel and those being towed are properly illuminated. There is an appropriation of \$1,000 general fund one-time-only to the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks commission to meet and develop new rules.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

- HB 930 amends Section 1 of 23-2-529, MCA, allowing for a motorboat or vessel to tow one or more persons on waterskies, surfboard, or a similar device as long as there is proper illumination of the vessel and person(s) being towed between the hours from sunset to sunrise.
- HB 930 adds an OTO appropriation of \$1,000 from the general fund to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) for the purpose of developing and disseminating the information in section 1.

#### Fiscal Analysis Table

#### Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

	<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>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

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<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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**Funding of Expenditures**

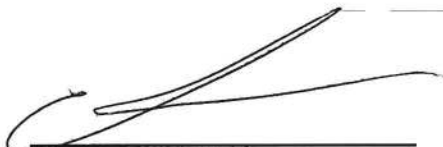
General Fund (01)	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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**Revenues**

**Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)**

General Fund (01)	<u>(\$1,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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Sponsor's Initials

Date



Budget Director's Initials

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