

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title:	SB0233.01: Adopting the interstate massage compact						
Primary Sponsor: Willis Curdy		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 SU	JMMARY				
		FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference		
Expenditures		Difference	Difference	Difference	Difference		
State Special Revenue (02)		\$13,080	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Revenues							
State Special Revenue (02)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Net Impact		\$0	\$(\$0	\$0		
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Description of fiscal impact

SB 233 adopts the Interstate Massage Compact providing for a multistate license for massage therapists to include criminal background checks. The fiscal impact of this legislation is due to the initial IT setup costs.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Labor and Industry

- 1. Adoption of the Interstate Massage Compact (IMpact) requires, under Article 4, that a massage therapist qualifying for the multistate license shall have 625 "clock hours of massage therapy education." The compact only specifies "clock hours" with no mention of a massage therapy education program. Continuing education hours will count towards an applicant meeting the 625-hour requirement.
- 2. Montana currently requires a 500-hour program to qualify for licensure. As a result of the difference in education hours, the department will be required to collect continuing education documents for any current licensee and potentially future licensees desiring a multi-state license. In addition, the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) will need to evaluate whether the continuing education submitted meets compact criteria for issuance of a multi-state license.
- 3. The department estimates that of the 2,130 current licensees under the Board of License Massage Therapy approximately 50%, or 1,065 licensees, may apply for the multi-state license. In CY 2024 the board, through the department, processed 224 applications and issued 171 licenses. It is expected that this additional work will be spread over multiple years and not be immediate. The department will utilize their existing resources to process the multi-state licenses.
- 4. Applicants and licensees will bear the cost of all fees required to complete the fingerprint-based state and federal criminal history background check.
- 5. The Technology Services Division (TSD) at DLI estimates that it will spend 109 hours to complete the technology implementation for the Interstate Massage Compact. This estimate includes work to complete

an analysis, design, develop, script, and test of technology to implement the requirements of the bill. The Board of License Massage Therapy will be billed at a rate of \$120 per hour for a total expense of \$13,080.

Fiscal Analysis Table

	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2029 Difference
Fiscal Impact				
Expenditures				
Operating Expenses	\$13,080	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$13,080	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding of Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$13,080	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$13,080	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Revenues Net Impact to Fund Balance (R	evenue minus Fundins	of Expenditures)	, h	
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$13,080)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

2/10/2025 Date