



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **SB0026: Allow legislators to receive mileage reimbursement at IRS mileage reimbursement rates**

Primary Sponsor: Kenneth Bogner 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) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Revenues | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Impact | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| General Fund Balance | <u><u>\$0</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> |

Description of fiscal impact

SB 26 amends 2-18-503(3)(a), MCA, which requires mileage reimbursements to be reduced by \$0.03/mile for any miles over 1,000 in a month, by exempting members of the legislature. SB 26 was also written with the assumption that SB 64 will become law. Regardless, the fiscal impact to the Legislative Branch is small, and any costs will be absorbed within the branch's existing budget.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Administration

1. This bill affects the legislative personal vehicle mileage reimbursement. The Department of Administration will be responsible for updating the policy but there will be no fiscal impact.

Legislative Branch

2. Section 2-18-503(3)(a), MCA, requires mileage reimbursements to be reduced by \$0.03/mile for any miles over 1,000 in a month. SB 26 amends this requirement to remove "members of the Legislature."
3. The fiscal impact to the Legislative Branch is \$1,851.59 for the 2027 Biennium. This fiscal impact was calculated using actual legislator-reported mileage between January 2023 and December 2024.
4. SB 26 fiscal impact was written with the assumption that SB 64 will pass and be signed into law.
5. For the purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that any costs will be absorbed within the Legislative Branch's existing budget.
6. It is estimated that passage of SB 26 will free up more than 10 hours of Financial Office staff time a month. This will allow staff to focus on other priority duties that were previously tabled or postponed.
7. SB 26 has an immediate effective date.

