

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title:	SB0301.01: Gen	erally revise utility li	ines and facilit	ies laws	
Primary Sponsor:	Daniel Zolnikov		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	MMARY		
		FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Expenditures General Fund (0	1)	\$0		0 \$0	\$0
Revenues General Fund (0	1)	\$0	\$	0 \$0	\$0
Net Impact General Fund B	Salance	\$0	\$	0 \$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact

SB 301 would shift certain findings under DEQ to the Public Service Commission. The 300-day window of consideration allows the agencies to operate within their existing processes related to utility regulation. Therefore, SB 301 has no fiscal impact to the State of Montana.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

- 1. DEQ administers the Montana Major Facility Siting Act (MFSA) in Title 75, chapter 20, Montana Code Annotated.
- 2. SB 301 would shift certain findings under MFSA from DEQ to the Public Service Commission.
- 3. For utilities that elect to pursue the new certification process proposed in the bill, DEQ would continue to review applications for electric transmission facilities under MFSA with existing resources but would not be responsible for making findings related to need or public interest as part of its review.

NO SPONSOR SIGNA	TURE 3/4	RO	3/4/2025
Sponsor's Initials	Date	Budget Director's Initials	Date