



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0378.01: Create a tribal relations management team at DPHHS

Primary Sponsor: Susan Webber 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)	\$48,445	\$47,451	\$48,234	\$47,934
State Special Revenue (02)	\$12,111	\$11,863	\$12,058	\$11,983
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$58,298	\$57,102	\$58,043	\$57,683
<b>Revenues</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$58,298	\$57,102	\$58,043	\$57,683
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>(\$48,445)</u>	<u>(\$47,451)</u>	<u>(\$48,234)</u>	<u>(\$47,934)</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>				

### Description of fiscal impact

SB 378 establishes a Tribal Relations Management Team within the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) to improve communication and collaboration with tribal governments on health-related matters, and requires the Secretary of State to notify each federally recognized tribal government in Montana. DPHHS will incur costs related hiring a position, including employee salary, benefits, office equipment, and travel. While there may be a minimal fiscal impact, the Office of the Secretary of State will absorb the costs associated with implementing this bill within its existing operating budget.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Department of Public Health and Human Services

- HB 378 mandates the establishment of a Tribal Relations Management Team, comprising a new PB to serve as a Tribal Relations Manager and the existing Director of the Office of American Indian Health (OAIH). The Department's current Director of OAIH is the lead point of contact for tribal relations. The OAIH currently has three existing FTE who perform all tasks contained in this bill.
- The Tribal Relations Manager position, requiring 1.00 PB, will collaborate with the Director of American Indian Health to mitigate health disparities and enhance health outcomes for Native Americans in Montana.
- The estimated cost for the 1.00 PB is \$110,154 in FY 2026, \$107,716 in FY 2027, \$109,505 in FY 2028, and \$108,769 in FY 2029.
  - Indirect operating costs associated with the PB are 3% of personal services cost.
  - One-time computer equipment and office furniture for FY 2026 is estimated at \$2,800.

c. Annual travel is estimated at \$8,700.

**Secretary of State's Office**

4. This bill requires the Office of the Secretary of State to notify each federally recognized tribal government in Montana. While there may be a minimal fiscal impact, the Office of the Secretary of State will absorb the costs associated with implementing this bill within its existing operating budget.

**Fiscal Analysis Table**

<b>Department of Public Health and Human Services</b>				
	<b>FY 2026 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2027 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2028 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2029 Difference</b>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
FTE	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
<b>TOTAL Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Personal Services	\$104,227	\$104,579	\$106,315	\$105,601
Operating Expenses	\$14,627	\$11,837	\$12,020	\$11,999
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$118,854</b>	<b>\$116,416</b>	<b>\$118,335</b>	<b>\$117,600</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$48,445	\$47,451	\$48,234	\$47,934
State Special Revenue (02)	\$12,111	\$11,863	\$12,058	\$11,983
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$58,298	\$57,102	\$58,043	\$57,683
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$118,854</b>	<b>\$116,416</b>	<b>\$118,335</b>	<b>\$117,600</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$58,298	\$57,102	\$58,043	\$57,683
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$58,298</b>	<b>\$57,102</b>	<b>\$58,043</b>	<b>\$57,683</b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$48,445)	(\$47,451)	(\$48,234)	(\$47,934)
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$12,111)	(\$11,863)	(\$12,058)	(\$11,983)
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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