

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0479.01: Generally revise laws related to chemical abortion								
Primary Sponsor:	Primary Sponsor: Theresa Manzella			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)	\$279,184	\$282,244	\$289,305	\$288,287			
Revenues General Fund (0	1)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Net Impact		(\$279,184)	(\$282,244)	(\$289,305)	(\$288,287)			

Description of fiscal impact

General Fund Balance

SB 479 requires the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to establish rules and create a new water monitoring program. There are fiscal impact to DEQ and local governments.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Environmental Quality

- 1. SB 479 requires DEQ to develop a wastewater monitoring system for newly defined chemical biproducts.
- 2. DEQ requires 2.00 FTE, Environmental Science Specialists, to establish rules, develop program, provide training, and implement provisions of SB 479.
- 3. DEQ will establish standards for the collection and disposal of discarded abortion drugs.
- 4. DEQ will establish standards for mitigation and remediation to address environmental effects of abortion drugs discharged into waters of the state.
- 5. DEQ will establish water testing requirements for all State of Montana Public Water Supply owner/operators.
- 6. Public waste treatment facilities (approximately 1,000) will be responsible for sampling twice per calendar month at an estimated cost of \$400.00/per sample. The overall fiscal impact to waste treatment facilities would be \$9,600,000 (1,000 facilities x \$400 per sample x 2 times per month x 12 months).
- 7. DEQ assumes lab analysis is available to detect chemicals used in abortion drugs.
- Montana DEQ is a primacy agency that is responsible for implementing the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, which does not include federal funding for the requirements of SB 479, therefore general fund will be needed.

Fiscal Analysis Table

Department of Environmental	Quality			
	FY 2026 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Fiscal Impact				
FTE	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
TOTAL Fiscal Impact	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Expenditures				
Personal Services	\$220,794	\$225,681	\$231,375	\$230,554
Operating Expenses	\$58,390	\$56,563	\$57,930	\$57,733
TOTAL Expenditures	\$279,184	\$282,244	\$289,305	\$288,287
Funding of Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$279,184	\$282,244	\$289,305	\$288,287
TOTAL Funding of	\$279,184	\$282,244	\$289,305	\$288,287
Expenditures				
Revenues				
Net Impact to Fund Balance (R	<u>evenue minus Funding</u>	g of Expenditures)		
General Fund (01)	(\$279,184)	(\$282,244)	(\$289,305)	(\$288,287)

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures

- 1. Public waste treatment facilities (approximately 1,000) will be responsible for sampling twice per calendar month at an estimated cost of \$400.00/per sample. The overall fiscal impact to waste treatment facilities would be \$9,600,000 (1,000 facilities x \$400 per sample x 2 times per month x 12 months).
- 2. This bill may require local governments to spend additional sums for which no specific means of financing are provided. Section 1-2-114, MCA, provides that bills that have such an impact may not be introduced.

Technical Concerns

1. DEQ is unsure if lab analysis is available to detect chemicals used in abortion drugs.

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Sponsor's Initials	Date	Budget Director's Initials	Date