



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0553.01: Generally revise state policy 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 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>
Expenditures				
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enterprise Fund	\$0	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858
Revenues				
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enterprise Fund	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

SB 553 revises state policy laws to prohibit expiration dates on airline travel credits and establishes a \$1.00 fee for airline travel to and from Montana to be used by the Department of Justice to combat human trafficking. The bill also adds an associated reporting requirement to be made to the interim budget committee hearing in the even-numbered year of each biennium.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Justice

1. According to the Montana Department of Transportation, State of Montana Air Carrier/Commuter Flights and Passengers 2024 statistics, there were 6,297,858 on/off passengers, which would equate to DCI revenues of \$6,297,858 each year from the \$1 fee that would be used for human trafficking activity and operations.
2. It is assumed that expenditures could not commence until FY 2027, after revenue for FY 2026 would be deposited to the established enterprise fund. During the 2026 fiscal year, the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) would assess projected revenues and associated cash-flows and develop a plan on the human trafficking initiatives that could take place with resources that had been collected. This would include a review of potential FTE needs and associated costs, public outreach and education, enforcement

operations, victim services and placement, and any additional activities that could be carried out with the objective of curbing and ending human trafficking.

3. It is assumed expenses related to interim budget committee reporting would be absorbed within existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis Table

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
To Be Determined	\$0	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858
TOTAL Expenditures	\$0	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enterprise Fund	\$0	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$0	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858
<u>Revenues</u>				
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enterprise Fund	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858
TOTAL Revenues	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858	\$6,297,858
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enterprise Fund	\$6,297,858	\$0	\$0	\$0

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

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Sponsor's Initials

Date



Budget Director's Initials

4/7/2025

Date