

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** HB0189

**Title:** Require collection of data from traffic stops

**Primary**

**Sponsor:** Bill Eggers

**Status:** Second Reading

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Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director

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## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY2002</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY2003</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
State Special Revenue	63,749	33,749
<b>Revenue:</b>		
General Fund	(200,000)	(200,000)
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	<b>(200,000)</b>	<b>(200,000)</b>

<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>		<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	
X		Significant Local Gov. Impact	X		Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget	X		Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	X		Family Impact Form Attached

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) issues over 225,000 citations and warnings per year. This officer activity will be reduced by 5% per year due to the increased data collection, paperwork and reports required by HB 189. As such, there will be a corresponding reduction in the amount of revenue collected due to fewer citations being issued.

2. According to Department of Revenue statistics, MHP citations bring in roughly \$8 million per year, which is split 50:50 or \$4 million to the state general fund and \$4 million to local governments. A 5% reduction in the state general fund portion of \$4 million is \$200,000. So the state general fund may lose \$200,000 per year as a result of traffic stops taking longer to collect the required data.
3. It will take 1.50 FTE to enter all the data into the database.
4. Expenses will be charged to the state special revenue gas tax, which funds the MHP. Costs for the first year will be \$30,681 in salary (grade 7: \$20,454 x 1.5 FTE) for the required FTE; \$3,068 in on-going operating costs (computer charges, supplies, phones, travel, rent, and training) for the FTE; \$7,000 in FY 2002 only for new employee package of a computer, desk, chair, computer table and file cabinet; at least \$15,000 to attain compliance with state government crime reporting systems (software) and \$8,000 to reprint citations and warnings, for a first year total of \$63,749. Costs include salary of \$30,681 and \$3,068 in operating expenses for a total \$33,749 in FY 2003.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
FTE	1.50	1.50

Expenditures:

Personal Services	30,681	30,681
Operating Expenses	26,068	3,068
Equipment	<u>7,000</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	63,749	33,749

Funding:

State Special Revenue (02)	63,749	33,749
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Revenues:

General Fund (01)	(200,000)	(200,000)
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Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):

General Fund (01)	(200,000)	(200,000)
State Special Revenue (02)	(63,749)	(33,749)

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

1. Due to the MHP issuing fewer citations, the counties will also lose about \$200,000 per year.
2. Local governments are now included in HB 189. The impact is unknown.

LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

1. There may be some public concern regarding collection of what some people may view as personal data that they may believe is not relevant or pertinent to the traffic stop or to government.
2. The bill will allow law enforcement agencies to either prove or disprove that their contact with the public is equitable among the demographics of the population.