

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** HB0468

**Title:** Newborn hearing screening, tracking, and intervention

**Primary**

**Sponsor:** Kathleen Galvin-Halcro

**Status:** Second Reading

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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## Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002 Difference</u>	<u>FY2003 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
State Special Revenue	\$100,000	\$0
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	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:

#### **Department of Public Health and Human Services**

1. The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) currently receives data on newborn hearing screening from hospitals on a voluntarily basis. This data is then passed on through the agency to the Federal Maternal Children Health block grant.
2. The DPHHS anticipates purchasing up to ten newborn hearing screening devices over the biennium for long-term loan placement in appropriate facilities.
3. The cost of the specialized equipment to perform newborn hearing screening is between \$6,000 and \$13,000, averaging \$10,000 per newborn hearing screening device.
4. Very few facilities in Montana can afford this equipment.
5. The purchase of ten newborn hearing screening devices over the biennium would cost \$100,000 (10 x \$10,000 = \$100,000 based on \$10,000 being the average cost per device).
6. Funding of \$100,000 is appropriated by this bill for the equipment from the state special revenue account, provided for in 53-19-310, the fund for telecommunications for people with disabilities.

