

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0626

Title: State – Fort Belknap water compact

**Primary
Sponsor:** Matt McCann

Status: Second reading

Sponsor signature Date

Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002 Difference</u>	<u>FY2003 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$50,000	
Revenue:	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(\$50,000)	0

<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 Natural Resources

1. Compact implementation will not occur until after Congress grants its approval; this is not expected to occur until after the 2003 biennium. Therefore the only expenditures anticipated for the 2003 biennium are associated with an economic development plan. That cost is expected to be \$50,000 and is provided for in the bill as a biennial, general fund appropriation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$50,000	0
<u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$50,000	0
<u>Revenues:</u>	0	0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$50,000)	

LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

After the initial 2003 biennium, DNRC will have the following administrative costs: 1) developing and updating the water use databases for the Milk River and Peoples Creek; 2) publishing costs of the notice of the basin closure; 3) mailing to water users notice of the Fort Belknap Water Right Decree for the Montana Water Court; 4) administering the Milk River trusts grant and loan programs; and 5) providing water right indexes and reports to the Tribal Water Resources Department. The 2004 initial, one-time costs may be as much as \$35,000. Subsequent annual costs are estimated to be less than \$10,000 per year.