



**Fiscal Note Request HB0218, 2nd Reading, 2nd House - As Amended (tan bill)**

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**Department of Military Affairs**

5. The Department of Military Affairs will administer the new state special revenue account created in the bill. The increased workload is not anticipated to be enough to create a fiscal impact. A dedicated revenue form is attached.

**Public Service Commission**

6. The Public Service Commission, after notification of a railroad shipment, will establish a plan for inspecting the rails and trains that would be transporting radioactive waste. The increased workload is not anticipated to be enough to create a fiscal impact.

FISCAL IMPACT:

|  | <u>FY 2004</u><br><u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2005</u><br><u>Difference</u> |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Department of Justice (Program 13)</b>                                  |                                     |                                     |
| <u>Expenditures:</u>   |                                     |                                     |
| Operating Expenses   | \$13,520                            | \$0                                 |
| <u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>  |                                     |                                     |
| State Special Revenue (02)   | \$2,704                             | \$0                                 |
| Federal Special Revenue (03)   | <u>10,816</u>                       | <u>0</u>                            |
| TOTAL  | \$13,520                            | \$0                                 |
| <u>Revenues:</u>   |                                     |                                     |
| State Special Revenue (02)   | unknown                             | unknown                             |
| Federal Special Revenue (03)   | \$10,816                            | \$0                                 |
| <u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u> |                                     |                                     |
| State Special Revenue (02)   | (\$2,704)                           | \$0                                 |
| Federal Special Revenue (03)   | \$0                                 | \$0                                 |

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. MHP officers will require training prior to escorting any vehicles, which is also prior to the Department of Transportation collecting any permit fees to deposit into the state special revenue fund. The training is eligible for 80 percent federal funding, but another revenue source should be identified to provide the 20 percent state match.

**DEDICATION OF REVENUE:**

a) Are there persons or entities that benefit from this dedicated revenue that do not pay?  
(please explain)

There are no monetary benefits to persons or entities that do not pay. The benefits to citizens of Montana, along certain transportation routes, are that responders will be better equipped and trained to handle accidents involving high level radioactive materials and public officials will be better informed when the transport of these materials occur through their jurisdiction.

b) What special information or other advantages exist as a result of using a state special revenue fund that could not be obtained if the revenue were allocated to the general fund?

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These are specially earmarked funds for a specific purpose.

- c) Is the source of revenue relevant to current use of the funds and adequate to fund the program activity that is intended? Yes / No (if no, explain) Yes

The source of revenue is relevant to the use of funds. The adequacy of this funding will be determined based on the number of shipments that occur. For example if only one motor transport of this material occurs during a year the fee would be adequate to reimburse the MT Highway Patrol for monitoring and escorting carriers, however, there may not be enough money left to reimburse locals if a response to an accident occurs.

- d) Does the need for this state special revenue provision still exist?  Yes  No (Explain)
- e) Does the dedicated revenue affect the legislature's ability to scrutinize budgets, control expenditures, or establish priorities for state spending? (Please Explain)

A requirement of this act mandates that the DES Division provide an appropriate Legislative Interim Committee with a plan that prioritizes the disbursement of money from this account. The legislative committee would have the opportunity to affect the priority of expenditure for these funds via plan approval.

- f) Does the dedicated revenue fulfill a continuing, legislatively recognized need? (Please Explain)

The dedicated revenue fulfills a specific need to provide information and resources to affected entities during the potential transport, and possible accident, by carriers of highly radioactive materials through the State of Montana.

- g) How does the dedicated revenue provision result in accounting/auditing efficiencies or inefficiencies in your agency? (Please Explain. Also, if the program/activity were general funded, could you adequately account for the program/activity?)

There are no anticipated inefficiencies in current accounting practices for this dedicated revenue.