



**Fiscal Note Request HB0259, As Introduced**  
(continued)

7. It is estimated to cost \$0.10 per form to print these forms. Total estimate printing costs are \$780 in FY 2006 and \$690 in FY 2007.
  - a. FY 2006 - 2600 civil unions x \$0.10 x 3 forms = \$780
  - b. FY 2007 - 2300 civil unions x \$0.10 x 3 forms = \$690
8. There are 63 courts in Montana. It is estimated to cost \$3.00 to mail one packet of forms to one court. It is estimated to cost \$189 in FY 2006 and \$189 in FY 2007 to mail these forms to the courts.
  - a. FY 2006 - 63 x \$3.00 = \$189
  - b. FY 2007 - 63 x \$3.00 = \$189
9. It is estimated the department will need to mail 1,300 letters with prepaid return envelopes requesting additional information or to clarify data provided on the application form. It is estimated that this will cost \$0.74 per letter, \$0.37 to mail the letter and \$0.37 for a pre-paid envelope for requested information. It is estimated that this will cost \$962 in FY 2006 and \$962 in FY 2007.
  - a. FY2006 - 1,300 letters x \$0.74 = \$962
  - b. FY2007 - 1,300 letters x \$0.74 = \$962
10. It is assumed that these costs will be 100 percent general fund.

**Office of Budget and Program Planning**

11. Section 8 requires that applicants for a civil union pay the fees applicable for a marriage license. These are the \$30 license fee required by MCA, 40-1-202 and the \$0.25 filing fee required by MCA, 50-15-301. These fees are forwarded to the state and deposited in the general fund. Revenue will be \$78,650 in FY 2006 (2,600 x \$30.25) and \$69,575 in FY 2007 (2,300 x \$30.25).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$1,931	\$1,841
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$1,931	\$1,841
<u>Revenues:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$78,650	\$69,575
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$76,719	\$67,734

**EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:**

This legislation will have an impact on counties as the civil union licenses will be issued and processed by District Court Clerk's Offices that are county funded.