



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	HB0759	<b>Title:</b>	Revise fee system funding search & rescue/search & rescue advisory council
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Hendrick, Gordon R	<b>Status:</b>	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

#### **Description of fiscal impact:**

The bill has no fiscal impact to the state.

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Assumptions:**

##### **Department of Military Affairs (DMA)**

1. New Section 1(1) creates a rescue advisory council to be appointed by the Governor to be composed of 11 members and attached to the DMA.
2. The council members are entitled to compensation and travel expenses as provided in 2-15-122, MCA. The estimated costs would be funded with the current 5% the DMA retains from the account.

##### **Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)**

3. In FY 2006, the FWP had a budget of \$99,652 and transferred \$26,707 to the Department of Military Affairs for reimbursement of search and rescue missions and to provide matching funds to reimburse counties for search and rescue training and equipment costs. There was \$125,399 in revenue in FY 2006. The January 1, 2007 the cash balance was \$159,401.
4. There would be no fiscal impact to the general license account because the account does not budget revenue from these transfers in any fiscal year. The balance in the search and rescue fund would continue to grow to

the extent that search and rescue reimbursements are not needed or rescue training and equipment costs are not incurred. The activity in this account due to these items cannot be estimated.

**Technical Notes:**

1. Current law requires that any unspent cash in the Search and Rescue state special revenue account after two years is transferred to the general license account. Since inception of this law in the 2003 session, over \$132,000 has been transferred. If the balance in the Search and Rescue fund were to grow to high, it could potentially violate 17-2-302, MCA, that requires that state funds which derive revenue from fees may not maintain a cash balance in the fund greater than twice the annual appropriation for that year.

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