



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
 BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2013 Biennium

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Bill #	HB0411	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title:	Authorizing the actual cost of meals for certain wildland firefighters
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Primary Sponsor: Wilmer, Franke	Status: As Introduced
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- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

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	<u>FY 2012</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2013</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2014</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2015</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$23,800	\$23,800	\$23,800	\$23,800
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact:

Fiscal impact represents roughly 1,400 in-state fire meals. This information is based on a five-year average of in-state fire meal costs at a level necessary to maintain caloric intake requirements for firefighters engaged in suppression activity.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- Costs are realized through the fire suppression fund (SSR).

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2. A five-year average (2006 through 2010) of in-state fire meal costs was used to project fiscal impact.
3. The fiscal impact reflects costs of firefighter in-state meals only and does not capture costs associated with fire meals served at fire camp.
4. An average daily cost of \$40/day was used in this analysis.
5. Estimate 1,400 meals per fire season.
6. Fiscal impact is based on the increase in the per diem (\$40/day less state per diem rate of \$23/day) times the number of meals (1,400) equals \$23,800.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$23,800	\$23,800	\$23,800	\$23,800
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$23,800	\$23,800	\$23,800	\$23,800
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$23,800	\$23,800	\$23,800	\$23,800
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$23,800	\$23,800	\$23,800	\$23,800
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$23,800)	(\$23,800)	(\$23,800)	(\$23,800)
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:

1. NA

Long-Term Impacts:

1. NA

Technical Notes:

1. HB 411 will allow DNRC the authority to exceed current meal per diem in order to adequately provide firefighters the necessary caloric intake needed to engage in fire suppression activity.
 - a. DNRC has received two consecutive legislative audit recommendations that DNRC is not in compliance with 2-18-501, MCA. Those audits state DNRC has been exceeding authorized meal per diem rates for firefighters. DNRC has authorized higher rates for the following reasons:
 - i. the emergency nature of the firefighting; and
 - ii. for firefighter health and job performance. The national standard for firefighter caloric intake ranges from 4,800 to 6,000 calories per day for firefighters actively engaged in fire suppression activities.
 - b. The current state meal per diem rates authorized under 2-18-501, MCA are inadequate to support the caloric requirement of those firefighters actively engaged in fire suppression activities.
2. HB 411 will fully address the audit recommendations.

<i>Sponsor's Initials</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Budget Director's Initials</i>	<i>Date</i>
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