



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	HB0227	<b>Title:</b>	Provide for public disclosure of energy performance
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Curtis, Amanda	<b>Status:</b>	As Introduced

- 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

	<u>FY 2014 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2015 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$26,212	\$8,929	\$8,949	\$8,970
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>(\$26,212)</u>	<u>(\$8,929)</u>	<u>(\$8,949)</u>	<u>(\$8,970)</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 227 would require expenditures in FY 2014 for a one-time effort to collect information on state-owned buildings and a small ongoing effort to summarize and post data annually. The first year effort could be completed by two student interns and a small contract and the ongoing effort would be the cost of one student intern.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

- The bill requires energy performance data to be disclosed "as it becomes available in a cost-effective manner." The information already collected in an electronic format on energy use in state-owned buildings, or added as part of normal business activities, will be considered to meet the cost-effectiveness provision. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has electronic data available from some buildings starting in 2009 and data are being added as they become available. No additional gas or electric meters will be purchased to meet the provisions of this bill as that would not meet the cost-effectiveness requirement.
- Energy performance information will be made available for state-owned buildings greater than 1,000 square feet. It is not considered cost-effective to include very small buildings.
- The bill requests energy use information on leased properties. No energy use information is currently being collected on leased properties and no mechanism exists to collect it. It is not considered cost-effective to add information on leased buildings.

4. The bill requires a comparison of state properties in Montana to properties of similar size in similar climate zones. DEQ would utilize a comparison tool, such as the EPA Energy Star Program. This would require collecting additional information on Montana buildings and entering these data into both the existing state data base and the Energy Star data base, then preparing a summary of results to post on the web. This will require two interns for FY 2014 for 400 hours. Salary and benefits costs would be \$10,368 in FY 2014 and operating costs would be \$15,844 including travel, office supplies, reference materials, and postage. Only one of the interns would be needed in FY 2015, FY 2016, and FY 2017 to maintain the system annually.
5. Oversight and direction of the effort could be completed by existing staff within existing budgets.
6. The bill requires a dedicated website with easy access and layout of the Energy Performance Data. DEQ will contract the web page development for a one-time cost of \$8,000.
7. The State Building Energy Conservation Program fund is a revolving loan fund that must replenish itself from energy savings in conservation investments. As there are no energy savings generated by this project, the fund would not be able to absorb these costs.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
FTE	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Personal Services	\$10,368	\$5,568	\$5,568	\$5,568
Operating Expenses	\$15,844	\$3,361	\$3,381	\$3,402
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$26,212</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,929</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,949</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,970</u></b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$26,212	\$8,929	\$8,949	\$8,970
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<b><u>\$26,212</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,929</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,949</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,970</u></b>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$26,212)	(\$8,929)	(\$8,949)	(\$8,970)

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