



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill #	HB0605
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Title:	Generally revise resort district laws
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Primary Sponsor:	Schwaderer, Nicholas
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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

	<u>FY 2014</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2015</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>

Description of fiscal impact: This bill provides a process for annexation of property into a resort area district, requires a proposal for annexation and a \$250 review fee to be submitted to the Department of Commerce for designation as a resort area, and requires an election in the area proposed to be annexed.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. The following table shows the currently authorized resort tax communities and areas in Montana:

Resort Communities Name *	Tax Rate	Year Enacted	Resort Areas Name **	Tax Rate	Year Enacted
Whitefish	2%	1996	St. Regis	3%	1993
Red Lodge	3%	1998	Big Sky	3%	1992
Virginia City	3%	1991	Cooke City	3%	2006
West Yellowstone	3%	1986	Craig	3%	2011

* A resort community is an incorporated city or town with a population less than 5,500
 ** A resort area is an unincorporated area with a population less than 2,500

- Section 1 of HB 605 provides a process for the annexation of property into resort area districts, requires a proposal of annexation and a \$250 review fee to be submitted to the Department of Commerce for designation as a resort area, and requires an election in the area proposed to be annexed. HB 605 as introduced would only apply to St. Regis, Big Sky, Cooke City, and Craig, Montana.
- For the purposes of this fiscal note it is assumed that one resort area district would apply for the annexation of property into the district each fiscal year. The Department of Commerce would work with the resort area making the request to annex additional area to provide the mandated analysis and review necessary to determine whether the existing district with the proposed annexation qualifies as a resort area under 7-6-1501, MCA using existing budgetary resources.
- The \$250 review fee would be deposited in the general fund.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date