



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

**Bill #** SB0186

**Title:** Provide for a primary seat belt law

**Primary Sponsor:** Hamlett, Bradley

**Status:** 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 2013 Difference</u>	<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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>					
General Fund	\$1,095	\$4,380	\$4,380	\$4,380	\$4,380
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$1,095</u>	<u>\$4,380</u>	<u>\$4,380</u>	<u>\$4,380</u>	<u>\$4,380</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** An increase in citations written due to SB 186 would result in a small revenue increase to the general fund.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

#### **Department of Justice**

- In 2012, the Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) issued 8,744 citations for failing to wear a seat belt. The MHP estimates that with the passage of SB 186, the number of seat belt violation citations would increase 5% (or 438 additional citations) because the proposed legislation would change the seatbelt violation status to a primary driving offense - allowing the violator to be stopped and ticketed based only upon a seat belt violation.
- The bond for this citation is currently \$20.00. Fifty percent of the bond for these violations is distributed to the state general fund and fifty percent is distributed to the county in which the citation is issued.
- The MHP anticipates an increase in revenue of approximately \$4,380 [438 citations x \$20.00 x 0.50 = \$4,380] each fiscal year through the 2017 biennium. Because SB 186 is effective upon passage and approval, the revenue increase in FY 2013 is estimated to be \$1,095 [\$4,380 x 0.25 year = \$1,095].

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>					
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>					
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>					
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>					
General Fund (01)	\$1,095	\$4,380	\$4,380	\$4,380	\$4,380
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,095</b>	<b>\$4,380</b>	<b>\$4,380</b>	<b>\$4,380</b>	<b>\$4,380</b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>					
General Fund (01)	\$1,095	\$4,380	\$4,380	\$4,380	\$4,380

**Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:**

1. Citation revenues across the 56 counties are anticipated to increase in a similar fashion.

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