



## Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

**Bill #** SB0244

**Title:** Establish a Montana trade center in Calgary

**Primary Sponsor:** Brown, Dee

**Status:** 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

	<b>FY 2016 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2017 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2018 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2019 Difference</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Description of fiscal impact:** This bill requires the establishment of a Montana Trade Center in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and revises the distribution of the lodging facility tax proceeds distributed to the Department of Commerce (DOC) to include funding of said Trade Center. This bill has no state fiscal impact, only redirection of lodging facility tax proceeds within the DOC.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:**

**Department of Commerce:**

1. Section 1 of the bill requires the Department of Commerce, Montana Promotion Division, to establish, staff with at least one person, and maintain a trade center in Calgary, Alberta, Canada to promote trade and tourism between the residents of Canada and the residents of Montana. Funding for the trade center is to be included in the statutory appropriation for the lodging facility use tax as provided in 15-65-121, MCA for the Montana Promotion Division.
2. Under current statute, lodging facility use tax proceeds are used by the Montana Promotion Division for tourism promotion and the promotion of the state as a location for the production of motion pictures and television commercials. This bill would redirect approximately \$306,300 in funds currently allocated to

targeted tourism marketing efforts to the establishment of the trade center in Calgary annually, as required by the bill.

3. Since there is no net change in the total dollars spent by the Montana Promotion Division, or to the department, there would be no fiscal impact.

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