



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill # SB0053

Title: Revise permitting laws for rock products mining

Primary Sponsor: Welborn, Jeffrey W

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 2022</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 53 has no fiscal impact to the state. The bill provides the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) hard rock mining program the authority to apply improved permitting and regulatory actions to rock product mining facilities (dimensional stone quarries, rock pickers, and others) by streamlining the permitting process and improving the regulatory framework for such mining.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. This legislation modifies the Montana Metal Mine Reclamation Act (MMRA).
2. Rock products mining facilities are currently regulated under MMRA. Because of the more limited environmental impacts associated with rock product mining, rock product mining can be subject to more limited permit application requirements than other mining conducted under the MMRA
3. No additional FTEs are required, and the current operating budget is sufficient to enact this legislation.



 Sponsor's Initials

1-5-21

 Date



 Budget Director's Initials

1/4/21

 Date