



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill # HB0302

Title: Require county approval to relocate bison

Primary Sponsor: Kassmier, Joshua

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: This bill has no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

- The department does not routinely release, transplant, or relocate any wild buffalo or bison, except when assisting other agencies such as the Montana Department of Livestock or the US Department of Agriculture.
- If the department were to release, transplant, or relocate any wild buffalo or bison, the additional cost to test for brucellosis would be minimal and would be absorbed within existing resources.
- Compliance to the rules adopted by the board of county commissioners may require additional expenses to the department that are unknown at this time.

Department of Livestock (DOL)

- Costs associated with certifying bison brucellosis-free are already encumbered within the DOL budget.
- County commissioner board actions do not impact the DOL disease management operations.

Secretary of State

- This bill will have minimal cost for postage and administrative duties. The Office of the Secretary of State does not receive general fund for office operations but has agreed to absorb those costs in the existing operating budget.

SK
Sponsor's Initials

2-9-21
Date

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Budget Director's Initials

2/8/21
Date