



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill #	SB0333	Title:	Generally revise drug and human trafficking laws
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Primary Sponsor:	Molnar, Brad	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 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	\$4,668,500	\$4,668,500	\$4,668,500	\$4,668,500
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$4,668,500)</u>	<u>(\$4,668,500)</u>	<u>(\$4,668,500)</u>	<u>(\$4,668,500)</u>

Description of fiscal impact: The bill includes new operating expenses for reward payouts of \$50,000 for informants of human trafficking activity or drug distribution convictions and signs to proclaim the rewards.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- The Department of Justice (DOJ) will need to install billboards at all Montana ports of entry for a total cost of \$216,000 annually. (\$900 billboard cost per month x 20 billboards x 12 months)
- The design and signage to be installed in airports, railway stations and bus depots will cost \$2,500 based on prior campaigns.
- It is expected that the reward structure will lead to an increased amount of informant information to be received related to drug and human trafficking offenses.
- The estimated payout for rewards to informants that lead to drug distribution convictions is \$3,750,000. (One third of distribution convictions in 2020 = 75 x \$50,000 reward amount)
- The estimated payout for rewards to informants that lead to Human Trafficking convictions is \$700,000. (One third of Human Trafficking Cases in 2020 = 14) x \$50,000 reward amount

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$4,668,500	\$4,668,500	\$4,668,500	\$4,668,500
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$4,668,500</u>	<u>\$4,668,500</u>	<u>\$4,668,500</u>	<u>\$4,668,500</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$4,668,500	\$4,668,500	\$4,668,500	\$4,668,500
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$4,668,500</u>	<u>\$4,668,500</u>	<u>\$4,668,500</u>	<u>\$4,668,500</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$4,668,500)	(\$4,668,500)	(\$4,668,500)	(\$4,668,500)

Technical Notes:

1. DOJ will need to acquire an encroachment permit from Montana Department of Transportation for the installation of the drug and human trafficking signs.
2. The signs are required to be compliant with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor's Initials	2/26 Date	KA Budget Director's Initials	2/26/21 Date
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