



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

HB0091 - Revise laws related to public library state aid (Sprunger, Courtenay )

**Status:** As Amended in Senate Committee

- 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 2024</u><br><u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2025</u><br><u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2026</u><br><u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2027</u><br><u>Difference</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                    |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| General Fund                            | \$542,113                           | \$542,113                           | \$542,113                           | \$542,113                           |
| <b>Revenue:</b>                         |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| General Fund                            | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 |
| <b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b> | <u>(\$542,113)</u>                  | <u>(\$542,113)</u>                  | <u>(\$542,113)</u>                  | <u>(\$542,113)</u>                  |

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 91, as amended, extends direct state aid to local libraries through July 1, 2029, adds language to include tribal colleges in distributions, and increases the payment from \$0.40 to \$0.50 per capita. This distribution in 22-1-327, MCA, had a sunset of July 1, 2023, which had been paid at \$433,690 and would increase to \$542,113 per year.


### FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:****Montana State Library**

1. A statutory appropriation for per capita per square mile funding was first created in 2013. At the time, the appropriation amount was set at \$0.40 per capita. HB 91 proposes to increase the per capita rate to \$0.50.
2. The per capita amount is based on the decennial census. The 2020 Montana census population is 1,084,225.
3. Language is included in HB 91 to include accredited tribal colleges that provide services to the public in the definition of "public library" and eligible to receive a direct state aid payment from these funds.
4. This funding is provided by a renewal of a statutory appropriation and 17-1-508, MCA, requires analysis of the statutory appropriation relative to the guidance in 17-1-508(3), MCA, to be published in the fiscal note. Following is that table.

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| a. The money is from a continuing, reliable, and estimable source.                                 | X |   |
| b. The use of the appropriation or the expenditure occurrence is predictable and reliable.         | X |   |
| c. The authority exists elsewhere.   |   | X |
| d. An alternative appropriation method is available, practical, or effective.                      |   | X |
| e. It appropriates state general fund money for purposes other than paying for emergency services. | X |   |
| f. The money is used for general purposes.   |   | X |
| g. The legislature wishes to review expenditure and appropriation levels each biennium.            |   | X |
| h. An expenditure cap and sunset date are excluded.  | X |   |

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| <b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>  |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| <b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>   |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| Grants  | \$542,113                           | \$542,113                           | \$542,113                           | \$542,113                           |
| <b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>   | <u>\$542,113</u>                    | <u>\$542,113</u>                    | <u>\$542,113</u>                    | <u>\$542,113</u>                    |
| <b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>  |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| General Fund (01)   | \$542,113                           | \$542,113                           | \$542,113                           | \$542,113                           |
| <b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>  | <u>\$542,113</u>                    | <u>\$542,113</u>                    | <u>\$542,113</u>                    | <u>\$542,113</u>                    |
| <b><u>Revenues:</u></b>   |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| General Fund (01)   | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 |
| <b>TOTAL Revenues</b>   | <u>\$0</u>                          | <u>\$0</u>                          | <u>\$0</u>                          | <u>\$0</u>                          |
| <b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b> |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| General Fund (01)   | (\$542,113)                         | (\$542,113)                         | (\$542,113)                         | (\$542,113)                         |

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| <i>Sponsor's Initials</i> | <i>Date</i> | <br><i>Budget Director's Initials</i> | <i>3-30-23</i><br><i>Date</i> |
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