



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

HB0343 - Generally revise library geospatial and natural resource information laws (Brockman, Tony )

**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 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	(\$900)	(\$900)	(\$900)	(\$900)
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 343 reduces the size of the Land Information Advisory Council from 22 to 11 and eliminates the Natural Resource Data System Advisory Committee.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:****Montana State Library (MSL)**

1. HB 343 revises the Montana Geospatial Information Advisory Council membership and terms; provides standards for geospatial information grants; eliminates reporting requirements; eliminates the Natural Resource Data System Advisory Committee; and provides rulemaking authority for the Montana State Library with regard to the Montana Geospatial Information Act.
2. This bill renames the Montana Land Information Act to now be known as the Montana Geospatial Information Act and revises the word "land" to "geospatial" throughout Title 90, Chapter 1, part 4, MCA.
3. Council members are entitled to expense reimbursement, mileage, and per diem (if not state employees).

4. Some council members choose not to request reimbursement.
5. Many council members live in Helena and would not be eligible for reimbursement.
6. Membership appointment changes routinely and appointees may live in different parts of the state.
7. Historically, MSL has reimbursed approximately \$1,800 per year for meeting reimbursement costs. Historical expense data, prior to the pandemic, was used to estimate the fiscal impact of HB 343. Meetings have been held virtually in recent years but are returning to a hybrid model.
8. MSL assumed half the reimbursement cost would continue going forward saving \$900 per year in council member reimbursement costs from the state special revenue Land Information Act account.
9. The Natural Resource Data System (NRIS) Advisory Committee, eliminated in this bill, has only met once in the last ten years, therefore, MSL assumes no cost savings from eliminating this committee.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	(\$900)	(\$900)	(\$900)	(\$900)
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>(\$900)</u>	<u>(\$900)</u>	<u>(\$900)</u>	<u>(\$900)</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$900)	(\$900)	(\$900)	(\$900)
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>(\$900)</u>	<u>(\$900)</u>	<u>(\$900)</u>	<u>(\$900)</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$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)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900

  
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