



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

HB0479 - Provide appropriation for DOJ to assume law enforcement PL-280 (Read, Joe )

**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 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$37,500,000	\$37,500,000	\$37,500,000	\$37,500,000
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>(\$37,500,000)</u>	<u>(\$37,500,000)</u>	<u>(\$37,500,000)</u>	<u>(\$37,500,000)</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 479 requires the Department of Justice to establish a law enforcement presence on the Flathead Reservation. The department will need additional personnel and resources to be able to effectively stand up this program.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

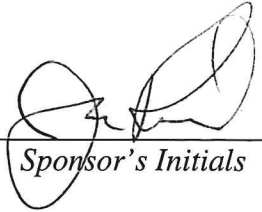
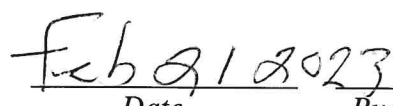
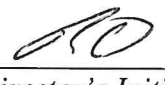
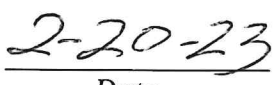
**Assumptions:**

1. The department will need significantly more time to fully scope and determine all the unknown impacts that may arise by assuming law enforcement activities on the Flathead Reservation.
2. It is unknown what personnel needs, operating expenses, equipment, and other facility needs would be required.
3. HB 479 includes an appropriation of \$75 million for the 2025 biennium with language that the appropriation is to be considered part of the base budget for the 2027 biennium.
4. The act terminates at the end of the 2027 biennium.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
FTE	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Personal Services	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown
Operating Expenses	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown
Equipment	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown
Benefits	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown
Transfers	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>unknown</u>	<u>unknown</u>	<u>unknown</u>	<u>unknown</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$37,500,000	\$37,500,000	\$37,500,000	\$37,500,000
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>\$37,500,000</u>	<u>\$37,500,000</u>	<u>\$37,500,000</u>	<u>\$37,500,000</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)	(\$37,500,000)	(\$37,500,000)	(\$37,500,000)	(\$37,500,000)

**Technical Notes:**

1. It is unknown if this appropriation is excessive or will be sufficient to assume required law enforcement activities on the Flathead Reservation.

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 Sponsor's Initials                      Date                      Budget Director's Initials                      Date