



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

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| Bill information: | |
| SB0221 - Allow USS Montana crew to apply for license plates (Usher, Barry) | |
| Status: | |
| As Amended in House Committee | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> 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> |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Expenditures: | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Special Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| General Fund | \$8,092 | \$15,572 | \$14,960 | \$14,960 |
| State Special Revenue | \$1,854 | \$2,778 | \$1,850 | \$1,850 |
| Net Impact-General Fund Balance: | \$8,092 | \$15,572 | \$14,960 | \$14,960 |

Description of fiscal impact: SB 221, as amended, has a negligible impact on state revenues. The bill allows persons who are currently serving, or who have previously served, aboard the USS Montana to title and register a vehicle in Montana and apply for USS Montana specialty plates.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. There are currently 136 individuals serving aboard the USS Montana.
2. The fiscal impact of SB 221 is calculated assuming all individuals serving on the USS Montana will elect to title and register one light vehicle in Montana and apply for the USS Montana specialty license plate. The amendment, which allows retired USS Montana crew members to title, register, and apply for the specialty license plate, does not materially change the assumption of the number of vehicle registrations.
3. It is assumed that all vehicles will remain on an annual registration schedule (i.e., no permanent registrations).
4. The bill is effective January 1, 2024. All USS Montana crew members are assumed to register in CY 2024, with half of initial registrations occurring in FY 2024 and half in FY 2025.
5. Title and licensing fees are paid upon initial registration and so will only be collected in FY 2024 and FY 2025. All vehicles are assumed to be light vehicles or trucks weighing 1 ton or less and so will pay a title fee of \$12, of which \$5 goes to the motor vehicle information technology system account in the state special

revenue fund and the remaining \$7 goes to the general fund. The license plate fee is \$10, of which \$8 goes to the vehicle insurance verification and license plate operating account within the state special revenue fund and the remaining \$2 goes to the general fund.

6. State special revenue from titling and licensing is \$884 in FYs 2024 and 2025.
7. General fund revenue from titling and licensing is \$612 in FYs 2024 and 2025.
8. Registration fees deposited in the general fund are estimated to be \$110 per vehicle (the average of the registration fees provided for in 61-3-321(2)(i)-(iii), MCA). Estimated general fund revenue from registration fees is \$7,480 in FY 2024 and \$14,960 per year for the period FY 2025 – FY 2027.
9. Upon registration of a motor vehicle or trailer, 61-3-321(20), MCA, provides for an additional fee of \$10 that is directed to an account within the state specified revenue fund to provide partial funding for highway patrol officers’ salaries (44-1-504, MCA). State special revenue from this fee is \$680 in FY 2024 and \$1,360 per year for the period FY 2025 – FY 2027.
10. There is a 3% administrative fee (61-3-111, MCA) that is imposed on all fees charged under Title 61, MCA. Revenue from this fee is deposited in the motor vehicle division administrative account within the state special revenue fund. Applying this fee to the title, license, and registration fees that will be paid by USS Montana personnel results in revenue to the motor vehicle division administrative account of \$290 in FY 2024, \$534 in FY 2025, and \$490 in FYs 2026 and 2027.

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| <u>Fiscal Impact:</u> | | | | |
| <u>Expenditures:</u> | | | | |
| Personal Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Operating Expenses | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL Expenditures | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| <u>Funding of Expenditures:</u> | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Special Revenue (02) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL Funding of Exp. | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| <u>Revenues:</u> | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$8,092 | \$15,572 | \$14,960 | \$14,960 |
| State Special Revenue (02) | \$1,854 | \$2,778 | \$1,850 | \$1,850 |
| TOTAL Revenues | <u>\$9,946</u> | <u>\$18,350</u> | <u>\$16,810</u> | <u>\$16,810</u> |
| <u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u> | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$8,092 | \$15,572 | \$14,960 | \$14,960 |
| State Special Revenue (02) | \$1,854 | \$2,778 | \$1,850 | \$1,850 |



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