



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0045 - Provide oversight and standard for community benefits/charity care (Keenan, Bob)

Status: As Introduced

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	\$72,901	\$70,322	\$71,377	\$72,448
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$72,901)</u>	<u>(\$70,322)</u>	<u>(\$71,377)</u>	<u>(\$72,448)</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 45 revises laws relating to hospital charity care and community benefit requirements and authorizes the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) to establish charity care and community benefit standards, reporting requirements and rulemaking authority. DPHHS would require one FTE to review and analyze current year and future year community benefit and charity care plans.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. Montana currently has 49 critical access hospitals and 16 larger hospitals. HB 45 would require these facilities to have charity care and community benefit policies in writing and available to the public.
2. DPHHS would adopt rules to implement the charity care and community benefit requirements including defining charity care and community benefit as well as standards of care, reporting requirements, and penalties for non-compliance.
3. The increased workload associated with reviewing the current and future community benefit plans and subsequent reports, will require 1.0 FTE for a compliance specialist. Additional duties include reviewing financial statements and procedures, holding meetings with external stakeholders, and writing reports.
4. Salary and benefits for the new FTE is \$68,059 in FY 2024 and \$68,274 in FY 2025. Operating costs are estimated at 3% of personal service costs.

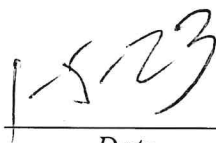
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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$68,059	\$68,274	\$69,298	\$70,338
Operating Expenses	\$2,042	\$2,048	\$2,079	\$2,110
Equipment	\$2,800	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$72,901</u>	<u>\$70,322</u>	<u>\$71,377</u>	<u>\$72,448</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$72,901	\$70,322	\$71,377	\$72,448
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$72,901</u>	<u>\$70,322</u>	<u>\$71,377</u>	<u>\$72,448</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)	(\$72,901)	(\$70,322)	(\$71,377)	(\$72,448)



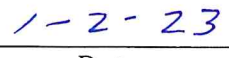
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