

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:								
HB0091 - Revise laws related to public library state aid (Sprunger, Courtenay)								
Status:	As Amended in House 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								

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

Description of fiscal impact: HB 91, extends direct state aid to local libraries through July 1, 2029, adds language to include tribal colleges that provide services to the public as eligible to receive aid, and increases the payment from \$0.40 to \$0.50 per capita. As amended, the bill requires recipients of the funds to provide \$1 for \$1 matching cash, not in-kind, state, or federal funds contributions. 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.

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- 4. HB 91, as amended, requires recipients of direct state aid to provide certification of \$1 for \$1 matching cash funds that are not in-kind contributions, state funds, or federal funds in order to receive direct state aid from the state aid per capita per square mile funding as per 22-1-327, (MCA).
- 5. 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.

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	

	FY 2024 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2025 Difference	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference			
Fiscal Impact:							
Expenditures:							
Grants	\$542,113	\$542,113	\$542,113	\$542,113			
TOTAL Expenditures	\$542,113	\$542,113	\$542,113	\$542,113			
Funding of Expenditures: General Fund (01)	\$542,113	\$542,113	\$542.112	¢542.112			
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$542,113 -	\$542,113	\$542,113	\$542,113			
Revenues:	Ψ342,113	\$342,113	\$542,113	\$542,113			
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
TOTAL Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures): General Fund (01) (\$542,113) (\$542,113) (\$542,113)							
General Fund (01)	$(\phi 342,113)$	(\$342,113)	(\$542,113)	(\$542,113)			

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