



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0091 - Revise laws related to public library state aid (Sprunger, Courtenay)

Status: As Amended in Senate Finance and Claims

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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 checked="" 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 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$487,901	\$487,901	\$487,901	\$487,901
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	(\$487,901)	(\$487,901)	(\$487,901)	(\$487,901)

Description of fiscal impact: HB 91 extends direct state aid to local libraries through July 1, 2029, adds language to include tribal colleges in distributions, and increases the payment from \$0.40 to \$0.45 per capita. 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 \$487,901 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 \$0.45.
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.
4. 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	

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Grants	\$487,901	\$487,901	\$487,901	\$487,901
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$487,901</u>	<u>\$487,901</u>	<u>\$487,901</u>	<u>\$487,901</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$487,901	\$487,901	\$487,901	\$487,901
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$487,901</u>	<u>\$487,901</u>	<u>\$487,901</u>	<u>\$487,901</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)	(\$487,901)	(\$487,901)	(\$487,901)	(\$487,901)

NOT SIGNED BY SPONSOR

 Sponsor's Initials Date  Budget Director's Initials 4-17-23 Date