



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 Amended in House Appropriations 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

	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$2,500,000)</u>	<u>(\$2,500,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 479 requires reimbursement from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to Lake County for costs associated with enforcing criminal jurisdiction on the Flathead Indian Reservation. There is a \$2.5 million appropriation provided in this bill. The DoJ would incur some costs and the rest would be used for reimbursement. It is not known if this amount would be sufficient to cover all of the requests received.


FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:**Department of Justice (DoJ)**

- DOJ assumes that its Central Services Division (CSD) will have the responsibility to track and audit invoices submitted by Lake County seeking reimbursement for costs incurred to enforce criminal jurisdiction on the Flathead Indian reservation.
- It is assumed that CSD will receive reimbursement requests on a monthly basis.
- CSD estimates a 0.25 FTE accountant would be needed to process reimbursements, verify invoices, and reconcile funding each month. CSD estimates the annual personal services cost for this FTE would be \$17,028. In FY 2024, there would be one time only operating expenses of \$4,352 to set up the employee. Ongoing operating costs would be \$5,019 annually. A 1.5% inflation rate is applied to FY 2026 and FY 2027.

4. The remainder of the appropriation, approximately \$2.47 million each year, would be used to reimburse Lake County.
5. It is unclear if the department would stop processing reimbursements if the appropriation is exhausted, or if it is intended that the department seek a supplemental appropriation for any costs that exceed the appropriation.
6. Based on the third whereas statement, it is assumed the appropriation will not be included in the base budget for the 2027 biennium.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$17,028	\$17,028	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$9,371	\$5,019	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$2,473,601	\$2,477,953	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	<u><u>\$2,500,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,500,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u><u>\$2,500,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,500,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$2,500,000)	(\$2,500,000)	\$0	\$0



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