



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

HB0492 - Revising telecommunications regulation (Zolnikov, Katie )

**Status:** As Introduced

- 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</u><br><u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2025</u><br><u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2026</u><br><u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2027</u><br><u>Difference</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                    |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| General Fund                            | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 |
| State Special Revenue                   | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 |
| <b>Revenue:</b>                         |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| General Fund                            | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 |
| State Special Revenue                   | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 |
| <b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b> | <u>\$0</u>                          | <u>\$0</u>                          | <u>\$0</u>                          | <u>\$0</u>                          |

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 492 removes the fee described in 69-3-844, MCA, which is already excluded from charges to sales price regarding the retail telecommunications excise tax in 15-53-129, MCA. The bill eliminates little used provisions of Telecommunications Act related to the state universal service fund and rate regulation of (small) telecommunications carriers.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:****Department of Revenue**

1. This bill does change the retail telecommunications excise tax and has no impact to the department.

**Public Services Commission**

2. The Commission does not anticipate any fiscal impact from HB 492 as the bill repeals statutory provisions that are no longer necessary.

  
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Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

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