



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0641 - Allow environmental impact reviews beyond Montana's borders (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> <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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 641 has no fiscal impact to the state at this time, however if the federal Clean Air Act is amended, the fiscal impact of this bill would need to be revisited.

ISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- For purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that the U.S. Congress does not amend the federal Clean Air Act in the next biennium to include carbon dioxide as a regulated pollutant.
- If carbon dioxide is regulated as a criteria pollutant, DEQ's Air Quality Bureau would be required to administer this addition to the Clean Air Act in order to maintain primacy over delegated federal regulations. This would require additional resources.
- The bill amends procedural provisions within the Montana Environmental Policy Act. If carbon dioxide becomes a regulated, criteria pollutant, information required to be tracked and collected by the Air Quality Bureau to maintain primacy would be incorporated into MEPA documents for all state actions. This would require additional resources. At this time, DEQ is unable to quantify.

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