



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

SB0383 - Require DEQ to study individual septic systems (Hertz, Greg)

Status: As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	FY 2024 Difference	FY 2025 Difference	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$162,232	\$81,116	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	(\$162,232)	(\$81,116)	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact: SB 383 requires the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to assemble information on septic systems in Montana, prepare and disseminate educational information on septic tank maintenance, and develop rules for implementation of septic tank maintenance programs.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. Implementation of SB 383 would require an additional 1.50 FTE (1.00 GIS Specialist 1 and 0.50 Environmental Scientist 2) to assemble information on septic systems in Montana, prepare and disseminate educational information on septic tank maintenance, and develop rules for implementation of septic tank maintenance programs.
2. The salary and benefits cost of the FTE would be: \$68,151 for the 1.00 GIS Specialist 1; and \$45,584 for the 0.50 Environmental Scientist 2 in FY 2024 and FY 2025. FY 2025 will be half of year of expenses because of termination date.
3. DEQ will require an additional \$15,000 per year for the program: \$10,000 for educational materials and \$5,000 for travel expenses for outreach.
4. DEQ will complete the requirements prior to September 15, 2024, and report to the water policy interim committee in accordance with 5-11-210.

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5. The effective date is on passage and approval. Minimal expenses may be incurred between the date of passage and approval of the bill and July 1, 2023, when it is assumed that an appropriation would be available for the expenses required by this bill.
6. The bill terminates January 1, 2025.

	<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>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$113,735	\$56,868	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$48,497	\$24,248	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$162,232</u>	<u>\$81,116</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$162,232	\$81,116	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$162,232</u>	<u>\$81,116</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</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)	(\$162,232)	(\$81,116)	\$0	\$0

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor's Initials

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Date



Budget Director's Initials

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