



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

SB0474 - Generally revise laws pertaining to sports betting (Mandeville, Forrest)

Status: As Introduced

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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 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	Unable to be Determined	Unable to be Determined	Unable to be Determined	Unable to be Determined
Revenue:				
General Fund	<u>Unable to be Determined</u>	<u>Unable to be Determined</u>	<u>Unable to be Determined</u>	<u>Unable to be Determined</u>
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>Unable to be Determined</u>	<u>Unable to be Determined</u>	<u>Unable to be Determined</u>	<u>Unable to be Determined</u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 474 generally revises gambling laws, revises fantasy sports league laws, and revises the definition of “fantasy sports team.” The Montana Lottery interprets these changes to allow an expansion into internet gambling, allowing various fantasy sports providers to market fantasy sports, and daily fantasy sports platforms, to Montana players.

The agency tasked with licensing, and regulating, these fantasy sports entities will need additional state resources and budget allocation to support the regulatory efforts needed to protect state interests. Although the fiscal impact to the state cannot yet be determined, any reduction in Sports Bet Montana revenue reduces the commissions paid to licensees and the retailer businesses that sell Montana Lottery products as well as Montana Lottery’s contribution to the general fund.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Montana Lottery

1. Daily fantasy sports are dynamic and are regulated at varying levels in over 40 states. It is difficult to determine the financial impact of fantasy sports being introduced into Montana’s gambling market.
2. Regulatory oversight will be necessary to ensure proper management, applications, approvals, and authorizations are in place.

3. A product allowing wagering via mobile device from anywhere within the state of Montana, will reduce the revenue of the Montana Lottery product line, though an exact impact is unable to be determined.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor's Initials

3.16.23

Date



Budget Director's Initials

3-15-23

Date