



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>HB0938</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Generally revise lobbying laws relating to state and local government agencies and non-governmental organizations
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	<b>Nelly Nicol</b>	<b>Status:</b>	<b>As Introduced</b>

  

<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

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$ 3,460	\$0	\$3,460
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 938 establishes requirements for lobbyists to file a disclosure that identifies whether the agency or organization receives federal money prior to commencing lobbying services and establishes a filing fee.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### Assumptions:

#### Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

1. For the 2025 Montana Legislature, 346 lobbyists registered with COPP. COPP assumes a similar number of lobbyists will register prior to the 2027 Montana Legislature.
2. Assuming each lobbyist was required to pay a single \$10.00 filing fee under HB 983, the agency calculates \$3,460.00 would be deposited in the general fund in FY 2027 and FY 2029.
3. COPP is unable to determine what, if any costs will be necessary to implement HB 983.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Personal Services	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine
Operating Expenses	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,460</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,460</u>
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,460</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,460</u>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine

  
Sponsor's Initials

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