



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0765.01: Reestablish the working interdisciplinary network of guardianship stakeholders**

Primary Sponsor: Brian Close Status: As Introduced

☐ Included in the Executive Budget ☐ Needs to be included in HB 2 ☐ Significant Local Gov Impact
☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts ☐ Technical Concerns ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$54,024	\$51,224	\$51,992	\$53,474
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact	<u>(\$54,024)</u>	<u>(\$51,224)</u>	<u>(\$51,992)</u>	<u>(\$53,474)</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

Judiciary

HB 765 would reestablish the working interdisciplinary network of guardianship stakeholders.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions


Judiciary

1. HB 765 would reestablish the working interdisciplinary network of guardianship stakeholders.
2. The network would consist of nine members appointed by the chief justice of the Montana supreme court, in a manner that reflects a geographic balance.
3. The network shall meet at least four times a year and may be reimbursed for travel.
4. It is assumed the meetings will be held in Helena.
5. The costs for mileage for 9 members at the current rate of \$.70 per mile plus lunch at the current rate of \$9.25 averages to \$106.56 per person totaling \$3,836. A 1.5% inflation factor is applied to FY 2028 and FY 2029.
6. Section 3 of HB 765 would require the judicial branch to make grants to organizations that provide guardianship services to indigent individuals.
7. It is estimated a .5 FTE would be hired to administer the grant duties listed in Section 3, (4).
8. The personnel costs (salary and benefits) for a 0.50 FTE in FY 2026 is estimated to be \$47,387.64 per fiscal year. A 1.5% inflation factor is applied to FY 2028 and FY 2029.
9. One-time startup costs include new employee package of desk, chair, bookshelf and file cabinet for \$1,600 and computers at \$1,200.
10. It is assumed that federal and private grants will be applied for, and that budget amendment authority will be requested for any grants awarded.

Fiscal Analysis Table

Judiciary

	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Personal Services	\$47,388	\$47,388	\$48,098	\$49,522
Operating Expenses	\$6,636	\$3,836	\$3,894	\$3,952
TOTAL Expenditures	\$54,024	\$51,224	\$51,992	\$53,474
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$54,024	\$51,224	\$51,992	\$53,474
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$54,024	\$51,224	\$51,992	\$53,474
<u>Revenues</u>				
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$54,024)	(\$51,224)	(\$51,992)	(\$53,474)


 Sponsor's Initials


 Date


 Budget Director's Initials

 3/3/2025
 Date