



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0324: Revise voluntary payment laws to include all claims**

Primary Sponsor: **Steve Fitzpatrick** 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</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenues</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

### Description of fiscal impact

HB 324 amends statute to include all claims, not just liability, injury, death, or damage of property claims. The proposed legislation also provides that certain bad faith insurance actions do not apply to voluntary payments. HB 324 affects actions after a judgment is made so there is no fiscal impact to the state.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Department of Administration

1. HB 324 will not change the process by which the Department of Administrations' Risk Management and Tort Defense Division adjudicates claims brought against the state.

#### Department of Justice

2. HB 324 will not affect caseload or other workload at the Department of Justice. As a result, no fiscal impact is expected.

#### Judicial Branch

3. HB 324 amends 26-1-701, MCA, to include all claims, not just liability claims. HB 324 also amends 26-1-703, MCA, voluntary partial payment of claims, to read all claims, not just injury, death, or damage of property claims.
4. Since HB 324 effects actions after a judgement is made, there is no fiscal impact to the Judicial Branch.

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