



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0330.02 (004): Create a Montana blockchain and digital innovation task force

Primary Sponsor: Gayle Lammers Status: As Amended in Senate Committee

☐ 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>
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$14,169	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact	<u>(\$14,169)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

SB 330 as amended creates a Montana blockchain and digital innovation task force consisting of 17 members and administered by the Department of Administration. The estimated fiscal impact is based on staff costs and compensation for legislator participation on the task force.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Administration

- In Section 1(5) of the bill it states, "(A) Except as provided in subsection (5)(B), member may not receive reimbursement for salary or expenses. (B) Legislative member of the panel must be compensated and receive travel expenses as provided for in 2-15-124 for each day in attendance at task force meetings or in the performance of any duty or service as a task force member."
- DOA is assigned to administer the task force.
- SB 330 as amended states that there will be a legislative member from the senate and the house which will be compensated for travel related expenses. The estimated costs for 2 legislators to participate total \$11,289.
 - It is assumed that there will be eight one day meetings in Helena.
 - Legislator compensation will be \$100 per day, assuming a day for travel and a day for each meeting will total \$3,200.
 - An estimated 7,584 total miles will be traveled by the two legislative members for the 8 meetings. This estimate is based on an estimation that each member is 237 miles away from Helena resulting in \$5,309 for mileage reimbursement at a rate of \$0.70 per mile.
 - Per diem is estimated to be \$668 for eight trips assuming two breakfasts, one lunch, and one dinner per trip.

- e. One night of lodging is assumed per trip is assumed based on US General Services Administration lodging rates for Helena are \$132.00 per night. Total estimated hotel costs come to \$2,112.
4. It is estimated that it will require DOA administrative support for staffing time to assist in preparing reports, setting up meetings, etc. that will cost an estimated \$2,880 in FY 2026. This cost is estimated based on eight meetings at 12 hours per meeting at \$30 an hour including salary and benefits.

Department of Justice

5. SB 330 would add a staff member from the office of the Attorney General to the task force. The members of the task force may not receive reimbursement for salary or expenses accrued by being a member. There will be no fiscal impact to the department.

Legislative Branch

6. SB 330 creates a Montana blockchain and digital innovation task force that is administered by the Department of Administration.
7. The Speaker of the House will appoint at least one member of the House of Representatives
8. The President of the Senate will appoint at least one member of the Senate.
9. SB 330 as amended provides legislative members compensation and travel expenses per 2-15-124, MCA.
10. There is no fiscal impact to the Legislative Branch.

Fiscal Analysis Table

	<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>
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Personal Services	\$6,080	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$8,089	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$14,169	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$14,169	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$14,169	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues</u>				
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$14,169)	\$0	\$0	\$0

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

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Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date