



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0004: Appropriations by budget amendment

Primary Sponsor: Llew Jones

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>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$17,588,278	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$1,248,434,788	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenues</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$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>				

### Description of fiscal impact

In accordance with Title 17, Chapter 7, part 4, Budget Amendments are processed during the interim primarily for the receipt of unanticipated federal funds. Statute requires that Budget Amendments that continue beyond September 30 following each biennium must be approved by the legislature (in HB 4).

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

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1. Section 17-7-102, MCA, defines the approving authority for each state agency. These include, but are not limited to, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for the Judicial Branch (or designee), the Board of Regents for the Montana University System (or designee), the Governor for Executive Branch agencies (or designee), etc. Regardless of the approving authority, the Office of Budget and Program Planning processes the Budget Amendment transactions on the state's accounting system.
2. Title 17, Chapter 7, part 4 describes a very specific set of criteria that must be adhered to for a Budget Amendment to be processed. In accordance with those criteria, a Budget Amendment that extends beyond September 30 following a biennium must be approved by the legislature.
3. As introduced, the bill includes Budget Amendment spending authority to continue currently authorized Budget Amendments into the next biennium based upon the end date of each specific federal award. As of December 31, 2024, the estimated balance remaining in the appropriations listed in the bill is \$1,266,023,066. This will not be the amount that will continue into the next biennium as agencies will

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continue to spend these funds throughout FY 2025. The following table breaks the balance of budget amendment funds out by state agency:

Agency	Appropriation
Judicial Branch	696,386
Governor's Office	92,389,707
Secretary of State's Office	2,877,324
Office of Public Instruction	6,738,320
Department of Justice	3,570,976
Montana Arts Council	148,602
Montana State Library	529,220
Dept of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks	44,461,044
Dept of Environmental Quality	76,907,426
Dept of Transportation	429,395,451
Dept of Livestock	101,506
Dept of Natural Resources & Conservation	193,362,382
Dept of Administration	17,227,100
Long-Range Building Program	55,420
Dept of Agriculture	11,404,637
Dept of Corrections	27,293
Dept of Commerce	53,521,193
Dept of Labor & Industry	11,606,057
Dept of Military Affairs	9,023,674
Dept of Public Health & Human Services	311,979,349
Total	1,266,023,066

\*The fiscal analysis table below shows all expenditures in the operating category in fiscal year 2026. However, the appropriations will be spent over several fiscal years within different account categories.

**Fiscal Analysis Table**

	<b><u>FY 2026</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2027</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2028</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2029</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$1,266,023,066	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,266,023,066</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$17,588,278	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$1,248,434,788	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,266,023,066</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$17,588,278)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	(\$1,248,434,788)	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Sponsor's Initials

1-8-25

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Budget Director's Initials

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