



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **SB0471.02 (001): Generally revise vehicular traffic laws related to pedestrian crossings**

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

Description of fiscal impact

SB 471 revises vehicular traffic laws related to pedestrian crossings and would have no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Justice

1. The Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) wrote 15 citations in calendar year 2024 for 61-8-502 (1), MCA. The minimum fine amount changes from \$85 to \$100.
2. MHP wrote one citation in calendar year 2024 for 61-8-502 (3), MCA. The minimum fine amount changes from \$85 to \$500.
3. Any revenue received due to citations written by MHP is split between the general fund and the county in which the citation was written.
4. SB 471 could cause an increase in revenue which is divided 50-50 between the general fund and the county in which the citation was written but impact would be minimal.

Department of Transportation

5. SB 471 adds language about the endangerment of pedestrians when crossing at a pedestrian actuated device that has been activated.
6. SB 471 defines a pedestrian actuated device as, but not limited to, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, warning beacons, and in-roadway lights.
7. MDT is required to follow MUTCD per 61-8-202, MCA, and 23 CFR 655.603

8. SB 471, as amended, does not conflict with the the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and would not have a fiscal impact on MDT.



Sponsor's Initials

3/24/26

Date



Budget Director's Initials

3/21/2025

Date