



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0161: Establish a vending machine account in the special revenue fund

Primary Sponsor: Valerie Moore 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>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$13,992	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Revenues</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$13,992	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<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**

HB161 creates a vending machine account in the state special revenue fund for the collection of a percentage of income from non-blind vendors operating vending machines on state and federal property. The income from this fund would be statutorily appropriated to the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) for the purposes of operating the Blind Enterprise Program. The income is already being collected by the department however the department does not have the correct account type to deposit the funds or the statutory appropriation to access the funds.

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Assumptions**

1. The Blind Enterprise Program established under 18-5-4, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) exists within the Disability Employment Transitions Division (DETD) to provide people who are blind with employment opportunities to operate vending facilities and vending machines on federal and state properties.
2. The Blind Enterprise Program is funded by the Vocational Rehabilitation grant, (at a 78.7% Federal and 21.3% State General Fund) and provides equipment, supplies, training, and start-up expenses to blind vendors, who then take on the responsibility of managing their own businesses.
3. Three non-blind vending companies are already contributing a percentage of their incomes from state and federal properties to the department. The department has collected \$13,992 in FY 2024 from these vendors. It is estimated that approximately \$20,000 will be collected in FY 2026 through FY 2029.

#### **Statutory Appropriation**

17-1-508, MCA, requires analysis of the statutory appropriation relative to the guidance in 17-1-508(3), MCA, to be published in the fiscal note. In reviewing and establishing statutory appropriations, the legislature shall consider the following guidelines. Answer yes or no to each of the following guidelines regarding the statutory appropriation:

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	Yes	No
a. The money is from a continuing, reliable, and estimable source.		X
b. The use of the appropriation or the expenditure occurrence is predictable and reliable.		X
c. The authority exists elsewhere.		X
d. An alternative appropriation method is available, practical, or effective.		X
e. It appropriates state general fund money for purposes other than paying for emergency services.		X
f. The money is used for general purposes.		X
g. The legislature wishes to review expenditure and appropriation levels each biennium.		X
h. An expenditure cap and sunset date are excluded.		X

**Fiscal Analysis Table**

	<b>FY 2026 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2027 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2028 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2029 Difference</b>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Benefits	\$13,992	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$13,992</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$13,992	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$13,992</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$13,992	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$13,992</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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