



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0058: Revise distributions mine remediation**

Primary Sponsor: **Jerry Schillinger**

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**

	<b><u>FY 2026</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2027</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2028</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2029</u></b>
	<b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Revenues</b>				
<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 58 redirects funding in the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), originating from the Orphan Share fund, from the Metal Mine Reclamation Project Fund to establish a State Special Revenue Fund to cover costs for water treatment at the CR Kendall Mine. The total funding impact for DEQ would have a net impact of zero.

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Assumptions**

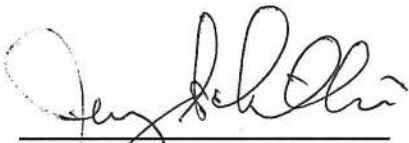
#### **Department of Environmental Quality**

1. HB 58 establishes a state special revenue account known as the CR Kendall Operating Expenses account.
2. Per 75-10-743, MCA, up to \$1.2M annually will continue to be transferred from Orphan Share to the Environmental Quality Protection Fund (EQPF) annually.
3. Per 75-10-704, MCA, 50% or up to \$600,000 annually of Orphan Share transfer will continue to be directed from EQPF to the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site.
4. Per 75-10-704, MCA, 50% or up to \$600,000 annually of Orphan Share transfer will be directed from EQPF to metal mine reclamation.
5. Section 75-10-704, MCA, is amended to direct \$500,000 annually of the metal mine reclamation funds to the state special revenue fund established for water treatment at the CR Kendall Mine through June 30, 2038.
6. Section 75-10-704, MCA, is amended to direct up to \$100,000 annually to metal mine reclamation projects at abandoned mine sites, as provided in 82-4-371, MCA.
7. Due to an influx of federal funding, the DEQ Abandoned Mine Lands Program has adequate federal funding for thirteen years and a reduction of the transfer from the EQPF transfer will not impact metal mine reclamation projects at abandoned mine sites.

## Fiscal Analysis Table

## Department of Environmental Quality

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CR Kendall	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Metal Mine Reclamation	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hard Rock Reclamation fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hard Rock Reclamation fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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