



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0147.02 (006): Generally revise Montana Indian child welfare laws

Primary Sponsor: Jonathan Windy Boy Status: As Amended in House 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><br><u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2027</u><br><u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2028</u><br><u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2029</u><br><u>Difference</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Expenditures</b>         |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| General Fund (01)           | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 | \$0                                 |
| <b>Revenues</b>             |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| General Fund (01)           | \$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> | <u>\$0</u>                          | <u>\$0</u>                          | <u>\$0</u>                          | <u>\$0</u>                          |

### Description of fiscal impact

SB 147, as amended, simply extends the termination date of the statutes referencing the Montana Indian Child Welfare Act through FY 2029, resulting in no change to present law for the 2027 Biennium. There is no fiscal impact.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

1. Amendments to SB 147 revise the Montana Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), amending Section 55, Chapter 716, laws of 2023. As amended the SB 147 removes the requirement for DPHHS to attend status hearings no less than every 30 days. With the removal of this requirement the bill has no fiscal impact on the Child and Family Services Division (CFSD).

#### Judiciary

2. Amendments to SB 147 repeal Section 55, chapter 716, laws of 2023 and provides immediate effective date.
3. There is no fiscal impact to the Judicial Branch.

#### Secretary of State's Office

4. This bill requires the Office of the Secretary of State to notify each federally recognized tribal government in Montana. While there may be a minimal fiscal impact, the Office of the Secretary of State will absorb the costs associated with implementing this bill within its existing operating budget.

#### Public Defender (OPD)

5. OPD assumes SB 147, as amended, would continue present law, unchanged, through FY 2029.
6. As present law would remain in effect, OPD's operations and costs would remain unchanged under SB 147, as amended.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

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Sponsor's Initials

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