



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0115: Revise Montana code annotated publishing laws related to code commissioner duties**

Primary Sponsor: Steve Fitzpatrick 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<br/>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2027<br/>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2028<br/>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2029<br/>Difference</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Expenditures</b>         |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| State Special Revenue (02)  | \$0                           | \$0                           | \$0                           | \$0                           |
| <b>Revenues</b>             |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| State Special Revenue (02)  | (\$240)                       | (\$240)                       | (\$240)                       | (\$240)                       |
| <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 115 amends 1-11-101, MCA, by removing the requirement to prepare complete subject indexes that is currently performed by the Code Commissioner. Removing the indexing function would reduce revenue by \$240.00 per fiscal year.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Legislative Branch

1. Approximately three indexing volumes are sold each fiscal year for \$80.00 each, generating \$240 per year of indexing volume revenue. This revenue will be lost by eliminating the Code Commissioner function.
2. Revenue received from the index publications sales is accounted for in the Legislative Branch's state special revenue fund.
3. It is assumed there will be expenditure savings in the 2027 Biennium, but these amounts are difficult to determine. The savings rely on negotiation with the current indexing contractor to discontinue services. This contract for indexing goes through calendar year 12/31/2026 (FY 2027).
4. After the contract expires, the Legislative Branch will not procure indexing services in the 2029 Biennium.
5. HB 115 is effective upon passage and approval.

## Fiscal Analysis Table

**Legislative Branch****FY 2026  
Difference****FY 2027  
Difference****FY 2028  
Difference****FY 2029  
Difference****Fiscal Impact****Expenditures****Funding of Expenditures****Revenues**

State Special Revenue (02)

(\$240)

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**TOTAL Revenues****(\$240)****(\$240)****(\$240)****(\$240)****Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)**

State Special Revenue (02)

(\$240)

(\$240)

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**NOT SIGNED BY SPONSOR**

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

1/7/2025

Date