



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0393.02 (001): Require towns to record meetings in audio format

Primary Sponsor: Brad Barker 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 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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact

HB 393, as amended, requires certain local government boards to make audio recordings of meetings available on-line within 14 business days of the meeting. There is no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS


Assumptions

1. HB 393 applies to towns in Montana and therefore has no fiscal impact to the state.

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures

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2. The bill will have a minimal negative fiscal impact on towns with a population of more than 300 people by requiring those towns to record the audio of their council meetings and post the recordings on the town website or social media page. Qualifying towns will need to purchase a device to record audio of the council meetings as well as assign staff time to post the recordings to a website or social media page within 14 business days.


Sponsor's Initials _____ Date 20250226


Budget Director's Initials _____ Date 2/25/2025

