



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **SB0291.01: Revising laws related to workers' compensation definition of wages**

Primary Sponsor: **Andrea Olsen**

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>
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

SB 291 requires the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) to annually revise its rules defining wages pertaining to lodging, rent, and housing. There is no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Labor and Industry

1. Costs associated with SB 291 are anticipated to be de minimis can be covered by current resources within the Department. There will not be a fiscal impact for DLI.

Montana State Fund

2. The process of Department of Labor and Industry (DOL) establishing an administrative rule has no impact on Montana State Fund (MSF).
3. The process of DOL annually updating the lodging, rent or housing values has no impact on MSF.
4. Lodging, rent, or housing values may be included as wages as defined for workers' compensation and the determination of an injured employee's claim benefits.
5. The resulting annual update to lodging, rent, or housing values may be included as wages for purposes of calculating policyholder premiums.
6. The resulting annual update to lodging, rent, or housing values may change workers' compensation claim benefit payments and/or policyholder premiums.
7. The latest values established by DOL were effective July 1, 2024.

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Sponsor's Initials	Date	Budget Director's Initials	Date