



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0935.02 (001): Limits to Fox Hills-Hell Creek aquifer withdrawals

Primary Sponsor: Morgan Thiel 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> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenues</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>(\$100,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>				

### Description of fiscal impact

HB 935 will give the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) authority to suspend or close permit applications diverting 3,000 GPM or more from the Fox Hills-Hell Creek aquifer in 17 administrative basins. HB 935 appropriates \$50,000 to the Bureau of Mines and Geology to complete a feasibility study.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

1. DNRC will require rulemaking to implement the closure in HB 935; however, the agency will combine this rulemaking with other rulemaking activities and will not incur additional costs for HB 935.

#### Bureau of Mines and Geology

2. There is a transfer from the general fund to the ground water assessment account in 85-2-905 in the amount of \$50,000 by June 30, 2025.

3. There is an appropriation of \$50,000 from the general fund to the Bureau of Mines and Geology for a feasibility study.

**Fiscal Analysis Table**

	<b><u>FY 2026</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2027</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2028</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2029</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$100,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sponsor's Initials

Date

**NOT SIGNED BY SPONSOR** 4/8

Budget Director's Initials

4/7/2025

Date