



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0558.01: Establish a nurse health corps**

Primary Sponsor: **Mary Caferro**

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</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>
Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$15,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

HB 558 proposes to expand the types of services that fall under the Montana Health Corps Act, which is administered by the Department of Labor and Industry and aims to provide affordable home health visits to elderly and infirm people who are not in hospice care. This bill allow registered nurses to provide home health visits in addition to physicians. Low-income individuals eligible for these services include those eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. While Medicaid is implicated in HB 558, the Montana Health Corps Act is not a direct Medicaid program under the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Labor and Industry (department)

1. The total rule making costs to the Board of Nursing are estimated to be \$5,000 of state special revenue funds. The board will utilize the department's legal services to complete the necessary revisions. Rule making costs include Secretary of State fees for rules proposals and adoption.
2. A new license type for the nurse corps program will be added to the licensing database to include an application and renewal record. Forms for the licensing process will be created for online application and renewal, and the board website will be updated. The Technology Services Division (TSD) of DLI estimates that it will spend 85 hours to complete the implementation. This estimate includes work to complete analysis, design, development, script writing and testing. The department will be billed at a rate of \$120 per hour for a total expense of \$10,200 of state special revenue funds.
3. License fees are unknown at this time, but will be set commensurate with costs.

Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

4. HB 558 proposes to expand the types of services that fall under the Montana Health Corps Act, which is administered by DLI and although this bill references Medicaid, the Montana Health Corps Act is not a direct Medicaid program and therefore; there is no fiscal impact to DPHHS.

Fiscal Analysis Table

Department of Labor and Industry

	<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>
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$15,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$15,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$15,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$15,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues</u>				
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$15,200)	\$0	\$0	\$0

NOT SIGNED BY SPONSOR

Sponsor's Initials

Date

2/22/25

Budget Director's Initials

2/21/2025

Date