



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0133: Require hunter reporting of hunting activity

Primary Sponsor: Curtis Cochran

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>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$208,440	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenues</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>				

### **Description of fiscal impact**

HB 133 requires a person purchasing a hunting license for "game animals" as defined in 87-2-101, MCA, to mandatorily report all their hunting activity for each animal. Implementing an IT system will cost the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks approximately \$200,000 in FY 2026. However, the department can use HB 10 appropriations to cover the costs so would not need any additional appropriation for HB 133.

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Assumptions**

#### **Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

1. HB 133 requires a person purchasing a hunting license for "game animals" (deer, elk, moose, antelope, caribou, mountain sheep, mountain goat, mountain lion, bear, and wild buffalo) as defined in 87-2-101, MCA, to mandatorily report all their hunting activity for each animal.
2. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) would need to create a new system that allows for self-reporting of hunting activities including harvest and effort information. This system would be built with an outside contractor.
3. FWP estimates this built will take approximately 1,737 hours and will cost approximately \$208,440. Current contract rates are \$120 per hour.
4. FWP will not request an appropriation based on this fiscal impact. FWP will use appropriation from HB10.
5. This new component will interface with the licensing system to prevent customers that are not compliant in their reporting from purchasing a license/permit the following year.

#### **Fiscal Analysis Table**

<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
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**Fiscal Impact****Expenditures**


Operating Expenses	\$208,440	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$208,440</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Funding of Expenditures**

State Special Revenue (02)	\$208,440	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$208,440</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Revenues****Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)**

State Special Revenue (02)	(\$208,440)	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Sponsor's Initials

1-15-24  
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Budget Director's Initials

1/14/2025  
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