



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0401.02 (001): Prohibit the sale of lab-grown meat in the state of Montana**

Primary Sponsor: **Braxton Mitchell**

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>
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$7,942	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact	<u>(\$7,942)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

HB 401, as amended, mandates a prohibition on the manufacture, distribution, and sale of cell-cultured edible products within the state of Montana. The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is required to promulgate and implement administrative rules governing the enforcement of this prohibition.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Labor and Industry

1. HB 401, as amended, has no fiscal impact to the Department of Labor and Industry.

Department of Public Health and Human Services

1. The department estimates the promulgation and implementation of the administrative rules would be done by using existing staff within DPHHS.
2. The department would be required to notify all retail food establishments regarding the new statutory provision in HB 401. This initiative will involve the distribution of the notifications via postal service to approximately 9,300 retail food establishments, a figure derived from the current number of active retail food licenses. It is estimated that the one-time cost for postage and materials is \$7,942 in FY 2026. This cost is based on 9,300 mailings at \$0.73 per stamp and \$0.124 per envelope.

Fiscal Analysis Table

	<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	\$7,942	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$7,942	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$7,942	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$7,942	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues</u>				
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$7,942)	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

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