



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **SB0506.01: Authorize legislators to use e-mail account of choice for electronic communications**

Primary Sponsor: Shane Morigeau 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 | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$548,400 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| Revenues | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Impact | <u>(\$548,400)</u> | <u>(\$30,000)</u> | <u>(\$30,000)</u> | <u>(\$30,000)</u> |
| General Fund Balance | | | | |

Description of fiscal impact

SB 506 allows a legislator to choose a preferred email address for electronic communications from the Legislative Branch or to be listed on the legislator's public profile as a point of contact for members of the public.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Legislative Branch

1. SB 506 allows a legislator to choose a preferred email address for electronic communications from the Legislative Branch or to be listed on the legislator's public profile as a point of contact for members of the public.
2. SB 506 requires legislators be responsible for managing emails related to legislative business in accordance with 2-6-10, MCA and 2-6-1012(1)(d), MCA.
3. The legislative office of information technology services (OLIS) uses only one domain for legislative information technology systems which include, but are not limited to, bill draft requests, collecting required legislator tax forms biennially, legislator direct deposit setup or modifications.
4. The 2027 biennium cost to redevelop the legislative IT systems to accommodate the use of external email addresses is estimated to be \$518,400 in development costs and \$60,000 for licensing. The total cost for the 2027 biennium is \$578,400. The total licensing cost for subsequent biennia is \$60,000 not including any inflationary factors.

Fiscal Analysis Table

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Fiscal Impact**Expenditures**

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|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Operating Expenses | \$548,400 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| TOTAL Expenditures | \$548,400 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |

Funding of Expenditures

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|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| General Fund (01) | \$548,400 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| TOTAL Funding of Expenditures | \$548,400 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |

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

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|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| General Fund (01) | (\$548,400) | (\$30,000) | (\$30,000) | (\$30,000) |
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Technical Concerns**Legislative Branch**

1. SB 506 may conflict with HB 697 which requires "A public employee is expected to use the means for e-communication provided by the public agency, including the public employee's public email account."
2. If SB 506 becomes law, and legislators use external emails, there is a security risk related to financial transactions.
3. If both SB 506 and HB 100 become law, a conflict will exist between legislators and the Legislative Branch regarding the responsibility to manage public information requests.

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