



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0656.01: Revising the fund structure and use of employment security account**

Primary Sponsor: **Ken Walsh**

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>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenues</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$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>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

### Description of fiscal impact

HB 656 revises the types of allowable payments from the Employment Security Account (ESA) to include additional activities, transfers the Office of Community Service to the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) and requires DLI to develop a state plan for that integrates activities from the Office of Public Instruction, the Montana University System, and the Department of Military Affairs. Funding for this program is adjusted for the DLI in HB 2. There is no fiscal impact.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Department of Labor and Industry

1. There is no fiscal impact to the DLI. The intent of HB 656 is to continue supporting DLI's mission utilizing state special revenue.
2. The Department of Labor and Industry's current HB 2 budget proposal contains three decision packages DP 1044 - WIOA Adult Basic Education, DP 503 - Human Rights Bureau Funding Switch, and DP 701 - OCS State Special Revenue Fund Match which are contingent upon the passage of this bill.

#### Office of Public Instruction

3. Section 90-14-103 (4)(b), MCA requires DLI to integrate and develop a state plan for the Office of Public Instruction's (OPI) service learning program.
4. This program and funding will transfer to DLI on July 1, 2025 in HB 2. This bill has no fiscal impact on OPI.

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Sponsor's Initials Date

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