



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0242.02 (003): Revise fines related to aquatic invasive species

Primary Sponsor: Tom Millett 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 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2027 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2028 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2029 Difference</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Expenditures | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Revenues | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Impact | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| General Fund Balance | <u><u>\$0</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> |

Description of fiscal impact

HB 242 amends 80-7-1014, MCA, to increase penalties for a negligent violation of this section, allows a warning without penalty for negligent violation of AIS laws, and prohibits a penalty from being issued to any person violating the provisions of the check station law if clear and adequate signage is not posted a reasonable distance from the check station. There may be some fine revenue, but it cannot be predicted.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

1. Section 80-7-1014, MCA, does not pertain to the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks and therefore has no fiscal impact.

Department of Agriculture

2. The department can not quantify how many warnings will be issued instead of a penalty, fine revenue cannot be predicted.


Sponsor's Initials
Date 3/17/2025


Budget Director's Initials
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