



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0861.01: Provide statewide access to a K-12 digital toolkit

Primary Sponsor: Eric Tilleman 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>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000
<b>Revenues</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>(\$1,850,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,850,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,850,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,850,000)</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>				

### Description of fiscal impact

HB 861 provides an appropriation to provide statewide access to a K-12 Digital Toolkit. The state cost is \$1,850,000 each year of the 2027 Biennium and ongoing to the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) and the Office of Public Instruction (OPI).

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Department of Labor and Industry

1. DLI assumes the \$750,000 of general fund appropriation for both FY 2026 and FY 2027 will be contractual to provide statewide access to a K-12 digital toolkit. DLI will utilize existing resources to cover the RFP costs associated with this bill.

#### Office of Public Instruction

1. HB 561 directs that the following money is appropriated from the general fund to provide statewide access to a K-12 digital toolkit that provides state standards-aligned, multimodal instructional materials across all content areas, including access to career and technical educational materials and local Montana industry partners to support workforce development.
2. The bill appropriates is \$1.1 million each year of the 2027 Biennium to the Office of Public Instruction.
3. The legislature intends the appropriations will be part of the ongoing base for the next legislative session.

## Fiscal Analysis Table

**Department of Labor and Industry**

	<b><u>FY 2026 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2027 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2028 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2029 Difference</u></b>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$750,000)	(\$750,000)	(\$750,000)	(\$750,000)

**Office of Public Instruction**


	<b><u>FY 2026 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2027 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2028 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2029 Difference</u></b>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$1,100,000)	(\$1,100,000)	(\$1,100,000)	(\$1,100,000)

**STATEWIDE SUMMARY**

	<b><u>FY 2026 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2027 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2028 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2029 Difference</u></b>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
TOTAL Fiscal Impact	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	<u>\$1,850,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$1,850,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	<u>\$1,850,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	<u>\$1,850,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	<u>(\$1,850,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,850,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,850,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,850,000)</u>

**Technical Concerns****Office of Public Instruction**

- Although the bill seeks to provide an appropriation there is no description for the method of distribution of these funds.

  
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 Sponsor's Initials

  
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