



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0913.03 (002): Authorize transfers and other necessary measures to implement HB2 Section D**

Primary Sponsor: Fiona Nave Status: As Amended in House

☐ 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)	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenues</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>(\$40,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>				

### **Description of fiscal impact**

HB 913 authorizes a general fund transfer, authorizes additional District Court Judges, creates reporting requirements, and other necessary measures to implement HB 2 Section D.

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Assumptions**

#### **Department of Justice**

1. There is proposed a \$40,000 transfer from the general fund to a state special revenue fund that would support Montana Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) efforts. The funds would be allocated to initiatives that enhance the capacity to locate MMIP, improve search response in communities, and strengthen collaboration efforts at all levels.

#### **Department of Corrections (DoC)**

2. The DoC will be required to provide a report at each meeting of the law and justice interim committee and the judicial branch, law enforcement, and justice interim budget committee on the details and effectiveness of its methods to reduce inappropriate or illicit communications to or from inmates at the Montana state prison. The quarterly report will include the following data sets:
  - a. the number of e-mails, messages, and other electronic communications to and from inmates at the Montana state prison
  - b. the number of e-mails blocked by automatic scanning systems
  - c. the result of the department of correction's audit of both the blocked and unblocked communications to determine the rate of false negatives and false positives
  - d. a description of the process and cost of electronic monitoring of tablets and devices; and

- e. any incidents at the Montana State Prison that involve e-mail communications that were inappropriately filtered by automatic scanning systems
3. This new reporting requirement will not create a fiscal impact.

**Judiciary**

4. HB 913 amends 3-5-102, MCA, to add 2 judges to the 13th district as provided for in the current version of the Judicial Branch HB 2 budget.

**Fiscal Analysis Table**

	<b>FY 2026 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2027 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2028 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2029 Difference</b>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Transfers	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$40,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

4/7/2025

Date