



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0927.01: Generally revise laws related to illegal aliens**

Primary Sponsor: **Lukas Schubert**

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

	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$252,877	\$190,389	\$195,643	\$198,577
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact	<u>(\$252,877)</u>	<u>(\$190,389)</u>	<u>(\$195,643)</u>	<u>(\$198,577)</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

HB 927 establishes a requirement for certain professionals and officials to report individuals who are not lawfully present in the United States to the Montana Department of Justice (DOJ). HB 927 would require a DOJ employee to receive reports, provide notifications specified, make an audio recording to be retained for 3 years, and when lawful, provide the US immigration agency with information received in the report. To effectively administer the HB 927 requirements, a reporting website and telephone hotline would need to be established, and 2.00 FTE would be needed. The bill contains a \$500 appropriation, but additional resources are required.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Justice (DoJ)

- It is assumed that a Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) administrative assistant would be needed to operate the reporting hotline.
 - Personal service costs are estimated at \$59,948 in FY 2026, \$62,346 in FY 2027, \$64,259 in FY 2028, and \$65,222 in FY 2029.
 - Operating costs are estimated at \$14,681 in FY 2026, \$8,789 in FY 2027, \$8,921 in FY 2028, and \$9,055 in FY 2029.
- It is assumed that a criminal investigator would be needed to initiate investigations and make referrals.
 - Personal service costs are estimated at \$89,664 in FY 2026, \$92,062 in FY 2027, \$94,863 in FY 2028, and \$96,286 in FY 2029.
 - Operating costs are estimated at \$33,084 in FY 2026, \$27,192 in FY 2027, \$27,600 in FY 2028, and \$28,014 in FY 2029.
 - Agent investigative equipment of \$55,000 would be needed in FY 2026.
- HB 927 includes a \$500 appropriation for creating a reporting website.

4. A HB 13 base rate increase of \$1.00 per FTE per fiscal year is reflected in FY 2026 and FY 2027.
 5. An inflationary increase of 1.5% is reflected in FY 2028 and FY 2029.

Fiscal Analysis Table

Department of Justice				
	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>				
FTE	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
TOTAL Fiscal Impact	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Personal Services	\$149,612	\$154,408	\$159,122	\$161,508
Operating Expenses	\$48,265	\$35,981	\$36,521	\$37,069
Equipment	\$55,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$252,877	\$190,389	\$195,643	\$198,577
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$252,877	\$190,389	\$195,643	\$198,577
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$252,877	\$190,389	\$195,643	\$198,577
<u>Revenues</u>				
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$252,877)	(\$190,389)	(\$195,643)	(\$198,577)

NOT SIGNED BY SPONSOR

Sponsor's Initials

Date



Budget Director's Initials

4/7/2025

Date