



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0233.01: Adopting the interstate massage compact

Primary Sponsor: Willis Curdy 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>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$13,080	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenues</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$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>				

### Description of fiscal impact

SB 233 adopts the Interstate Massage Compact providing for a multistate license for massage therapists to include criminal background checks. The fiscal impact of this legislation is due to the initial IT setup costs.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Department of Labor and Industry

1. Adoption of the Interstate Massage Compact (IMpact) requires, under Article 4, that a massage therapist qualifying for the multistate license shall have 625 "clock hours of massage therapy education." The compact only specifies "clock hours" with no mention of a massage therapy education program. Continuing education hours will count towards an applicant meeting the 625-hour requirement.
2. Montana currently requires a 500-hour program to qualify for licensure. As a result of the difference in education hours, the department will be required to collect continuing education documents for any current licensee and potentially future licensees desiring a multi-state license. In addition, the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) will need to evaluate whether the continuing education submitted meets compact criteria for issuance of a multi-state license.
3. The department estimates that of the 2,130 current licensees under the Board of License Massage Therapy approximately 50%, or 1,065 licensees, may apply for the multi-state license. In CY 2024 the board, through the department, processed 224 applications and issued 171 licenses. It is expected that this additional work will be spread over multiple years and not be immediate. The department will utilize their existing resources to process the multi-state licenses.
4. Applicants and licensees will bear the cost of all fees required to complete the fingerprint-based state and federal criminal history background check.
5. The Technology Services Division (TSD) at DLI estimates that it will spend 109 hours to complete the technology implementation for the Interstate Massage Compact. This estimate includes work to complete

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an analysis, design, develop, script, and test of technology to implement the requirements of the bill. The Board of License Massage Therapy will be billed at a rate of \$120 per hour for a total expense of \$13,080.

**Fiscal Analysis Table**

	<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><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$13,080	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$13,080</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$13,080	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$13,080</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$13,080)	\$0	\$0	\$0

  
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