



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **SB0566.01: Provide for the regulation of secure youth transportation companies**

Primary Sponsor: Laura Smith 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)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenues</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<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 566 requires the Department of Public Health and Human Services (department) to develop and make available a registration form for Secure Youth Transportation and provide a public registry of these companies. It requires an annual registration fee be set by the department. The bill also requires the department to develop and make available a transportation notification form and maintain all transportation notifications for 10 years.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

1. It is assumed that the registration form can be developed and maintained in the Office of Inspector General's current licensing system BOUNDS.
2. The department can create a webpage specific to this service, providing an online link to create an account and complete a registration.
3. It is assumed that OIG can develop a notification form through the licensing system BOUNDS.
4. A Secure Youth Transportation company would be able to login to their BOUNDS account, complete the transportation notification form and submit it electronically, resulting in the immediate notification on the departments end of BOUNDS.
5. The creation of a new registration and the creation of forms is already within the responsibility of the OIG so there are no operational or technological fees associated with these assumptions.
6. It is assumed that the department will set forth annual registration fees of not more than \$500/year.
  - a. This fee amount is based on the departments research of fees associated with these types of companies in other states.
7. The departments research indicates over 30 of these companies exist nationwide, however, only 2 are known to the department to currently provide services in Montana.
  - a. It is unknown if other companies provide services in Montana.

8. If it is assumed that 30 companies will file for registration for Secure Youth Transportation in Montana, this would be an annual revenue to the department of \$15,000.

**Fiscal Analysis Table**

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000

**Technical Concerns**

1. The bill does not provide for rule making authority for the department
2. The bill does not include exceptions for the 48-hour notice for transportation for medical emergencies

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor's Initials

Date

4/4/25

Budget Director's Initials

Date



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