



## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0541.01: Create a pollinator health task force

Primary Sponsor: Andrea Olsen 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>				
General Fund (01)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$9,000	\$9,180
<b>Revenues</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>(\$25,000)</u>	<u>(\$25,000)</u>	<u>(\$9,000)</u>	<u>(\$9,180)</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>				

#### Description of fiscal impact

SB541 requires the department of Agriculture to create and administer a Pollinator Health Task Force.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

##### Department of Agriculture

1. The Department of Agriculture is appropriated \$50,000 from the general fund to cover costs associated with the task force duties prescribed in Section 2.
2. Assumed a 3-day travel with 2-night stay per panel member, per meeting annually. Assumed a daily per diem rate of \$100.00 per 10 panel member is \$3,000.00 annually. Daily in-state meal per diem \$33.50 for 3 days, for 10 panel members is \$1,005.00 annually. In-state lodging rate is \$110.00 per night, for 2-night stay per 10 panel members is \$2,200.00 annually. High mileage rate of \$.70 per mile for 350 roundtrip miles, per 10 panel members is \$2,450.00 annually. Assumed panel would meet at the Department of Agriculture, thus no meeting room costs. Assumed a 3% increase on travel costs for each year thereafter.

##### Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

3. SB 541 requires the task force must include one representative of the department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

##### Secretary of State's Office

4. SB 541 requires the Office of the Secretary of State to notify each federally recognized tribal government in Montana. While there may be a minimal fiscal impact, the Office of the Secretary of State will absorb the costs associated with implementing this bill within its existing operating budget.

##### Commissioner of Higher Education

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4. The proposed legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the MUS. Any expenses for the appointment of an expert in managed and wild pollinator health from Montana State University would be handled within current appropriations.

**Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**

5. SB 541 requires the task force must include one representative of the DNRC.


**Fiscal Analysis Table**

Department of Agriculture				
	<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>				
Personal Services	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Operating Expenses	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$6,000	\$6,180
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u><u>\$25,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$25,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$9,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$9,180</u></u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$9,000	\$9,180
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<u><u>\$25,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$25,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$9,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$9,180</u></u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	<u><u>(\$25,000)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$25,000)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$9,000)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$9,180)</u></u>

  
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