



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0334.02 (002): Generally revise disaster and emergency laws

Primary Sponsor: Brad Barker Status: As Amended in House Committee

☒ 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>
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact	<u>(\$2,000,000)</u>	<u>(\$2,000,000)</u>	<u>(\$2,000,000)</u>	<u>(\$2,000,000)</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

HB 334, as amended, increases the amount statutorily appropriated for emergencies and expands the use of the appropriation for uses by Department of Military Affairs Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) division.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

1. The bill increases the biennial expenditure not to exceed amount from \$16 million to \$20 million and expands the usage of the funds to include expenditures by Disaster of Emergency Services division (DES) without a governor's declaration of a disaster or emergency.
2. This bill allows the Department of Military Affairs - DES to spend up to \$2 million per year for personal services related to response, recovery planning, training, and financial administration.

Statutory Appropriation

17-1-508, MCA, requires analysis of the statutory appropriation relative to the guidance in 17-1-508(3), MCA, to be published in the fiscal note. In reviewing and establishing statutory appropriations, the legislature shall consider the following guidelines. Answer yes or no to each of the following guidelines regarding the statutory appropriation:

	Yes	No
a. The money is from a continuing, reliable, and estimable source.	X	
b. The use of the appropriation or the expenditure occurrence is predictable and reliable.		X
c. The authority exists elsewhere.		X
d. An alternative appropriation method is available, practical, or effective.		X
e. It appropriates state general fund money for purposes other than paying for emergency services.		X
f. The money is used for general purposes.		X

g. The legislature wishes to review expenditure and appropriation levels each biennium.		X
h. An expenditure cap and sunset date are excluded.	X	

Fiscal Analysis Table

	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Personal Services	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
TOTAL Expenditures	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
<u>Revenues</u>				
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)

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Sponsor's Initials Date

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