



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0834.01: Create a government evidence and impact commission**

Primary Sponsor: **Bill Mercer**

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 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<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>
Expenditures					
General Fund (01)	\$17,243	\$34,122	\$23,635	\$0	\$0
Revenues					
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact	<u>(\$17,243)</u>	<u>(\$34,122)</u>	<u>(\$23,635)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance					

Description of fiscal impact

HB 834 establishes a Government Evidence and Impact Commission with an immediate effective date, outlines membership structure and duties, and provides an appropriation to the Department of Administration for the operation of the commission.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Administration

- Section 1 of the bill establishes a 16-member commission of which seven will be compensated and receive reimbursements. The other nine public employee members do not get paid per 2-15-124, MCA.
- The estimated costs for the seven commission members (legislators and a member of the public) receiving compensation are estimated to be \$36,701.
 - It is assumed that there will be seven one-day meetings in Helena.
 - The member compensation will be \$100 per day for each day in attendance or each day in the performance of any duty or service as a commission member. This is estimated to be \$14,700 over the length the commission.
 - The mileage reimbursement is estimated to be \$13,034 (7 members x 7 meetings x 380 miles round trip x \$0.70 mileage rate).
 - Per diem is estimated to be \$2,499 for eight trips assuming two breakfasts, two lunches, one dinner per trip.
 - Lodging costs are estimated to be \$6,468 (7 trips x 7 members x \$132 standard lodging rate x 1 night per trip).
- It is estimated that a one-time expense of \$12,000 would be necessary to develop a website for posting public meeting notices, meeting minutes, and other commission records which may be made public.

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4. The Department of Administration will be appropriated \$75,000 from the general fund for the administration and costs of the commission.
5. It is assumed Section 3 of the bill will be done by the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning.
6. The remaining funding can be used, as needed, for consulting services, IT resources, or other needs that may arise in the course of the commission's work.
7. The termination date is December 31, 2026.

Fiscal Analysis Table**Department of Administration**

	FY 2025 Difference	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>					
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Operating Expenses	\$17,243	\$34,122	\$23,635	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$17,243	\$34,122	\$23,635	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>					
General Fund (01)	\$17,243	\$34,122	\$23,635	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$17,243	\$34,122	\$23,635	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues</u>					
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>					
General Fund (01)	(\$17,243)	(\$34,122)	(\$23,635)	\$0	\$0


 Sponsor's Initials

 3/24/25
 Date


 Budget Director's Initials

 3/24/2025
 Date