



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0097: Allow for platooning vehicles

Primary Sponsor: Zack Wirth

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)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact

HB 97, as amended, allows for platooning trucks, establishes permitting fees, and provides rulemaking authority for the Department of Transportation (MDT). There is no fiscal impact for MDT to create rules related to the permitting of platooning commercial motor vehicles. No additional commercial driver's licenses would need to be issued as a result of this bill, so no fiscal impact is expected to the Department of Justice.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Justice

1. Drivers of commercial trucks are already required to have a Commercial Driver's License; so there is no fiscal impact to the department.

Department of Transportation

2. HB 97, as amended, would allow for a permit fee of \$200 for a term permit or \$20 for each trip permit issued to the operating company for a platoon operation.
3. The amount of revenue that would be generated is currently unknown. To date, MDT is not aware of any platooning operations in Montana.
4. There would be no cost to add this permit to the Motor Carrier Service's (MCS) permitting system.

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Sponsor's Initials Date

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Budget Director's Initials Date