



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0058: Revise distributions mine remediation**

Primary Sponsor: Jerry Schillinger

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

Description of fiscal impact

HB 58 redirects funding in the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), originating from the Orphan Share fund, from the Metal Mine Reclamation Project Fund to establish a State Special Revenue Fund to cover costs for water treatment at the CR Kendall Mine. The total funding impact for DEQ would have a net impact of zero.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions


Department of Environmental Quality

1. HB 58 establishes a state special revenue account known as the CR Kendall Operating Expenses account.
2. Per 75-10-743, MCA, up to \$1.2M annually will continue to be transferred from Orphan Share to the Environmental Quality Protection Fund (EQPF) annually.
3. Per 75-10-704, MCA, 50% or up to \$600,000 annually of Orphan Share transfer will continue to be directed from EQPF to the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site.
4. Per 75-10-704, MCA, 50% or up to \$600,000 annually of Orphan Share transfer will be directed from EQPF to metal mine reclamation.
5. Section 75-10-704, MCA, is amended to direct \$500,000 annually of the metal mine reclamation funds to the state special revenue fund established for water treatment at the CR Kendall Mine through June 30, 2038.
6. Section 75-10-704, MCA, is amended to direct up to \$100,000 annually to metal mine reclamation projects at abandoned mine sites, as provided in 82-4-371, MCA.
7. Due to an influx of federal funding, the DEQ Abandoned Mine Lands Program has adequate federal funding for thirteen years and a reduction of the transfer from the EQPF transfer will not impact metal mine reclamation projects at abandoned mine sites.

Fiscal Analysis Table

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	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CR Kendall	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Metal Mine Reclamation	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)
TOTAL Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hard Rock Reclamation fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues</u>				
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hard Rock Reclamation fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



Sponsor's Initials

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