



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill #	HB0938	Title:	Generally revise lobbying laws relating to state and local government agencies and non-governmental organizations
Primary Sponsor:	Nelly Nicol	Status:	As Introduced

<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns
<input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts	<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$ 3,460	\$0	\$3,460
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 938 establishes requirements for lobbyists to file a disclosure that identifies whether the agency or organization receives federal money prior to commencing lobbying services and establishes a filing fee.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

1. For the 2025 Montana Legislature, 346 lobbyists registered with COPP. COPP assumes a similar number of lobbyists will register prior to the 2027 Montana Legislature.
2. Assuming each lobbyist was required to pay a single \$10.00 filing fee under HB 983, the agency calculates \$3,460.00 would be deposited in the general fund in FY 2027 and FY 2029.
3. COPP is unable to determine what, if any costs will be necessary to implement HB 983.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine
Operating Expenses	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,460</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,460</u>
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,460</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,460</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine


Sponsor's Initials

Date


Budget Director's Initials


Date