



Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **SB0541.01: Create a pollinator health task force**

Primary Sponsor: **Andrea Olsen**

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 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$9,000	\$9,180
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact	<u>(\$25,000)</u>	<u>(\$25,000)</u>	<u>(\$9,000)</u>	<u>(\$9,180)</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

SB541 requires the department of Agriculture to create and administer a Pollinator Health Task Force.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Agriculture

1. The Department of Agriculture is appropriated \$50,000 from the general fund to cover costs associated with the task force duties prescribed in Section 2.
2. Assumed a 3-day travel with 2-night stay per panel member, per meeting annually. Assumed a daily per diem rate of \$100.00 per 10 panel member is \$3,000.00 annually. Daily in-state meal per diem \$33.50 for 3 days, for 10 panel members is \$1,005.00 annually. In-state lodging rate is \$110.00 per night, for 2-night stay per 10 panel members is \$2,200.00 annually. High mileage rate of \$.70 per mile for 350 roundtrip miles, per 10 panel members is \$2,450.00 annually. Assumed panel would meet at the Department of Agriculture, thus no meeting room costs. Assumed a 3% increase on travel costs for each year thereafter.

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

3. SB 541 requires the task force must include one representative of the department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

Secretary of State's Office

4. SB 541 requires the Office of the Secretary of State to notify each federally recognized tribal government in Montana. While there may be a minimal fiscal impact, the Office of the Secretary of State will absorb the costs associated with implementing this bill within its existing operating budget.

Commissioner of Higher Education

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4. The proposed legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the MUS. Any expenses for the appointment of an expert in managed and wild pollinator health from Montana State University would be handled within current appropriations.

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

5. SB 541 requires the task force must include one representative of the DNRC.


Fiscal Analysis Table**Department of Agriculture**

	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Personal Services	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Operating Expenses	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$6,000	\$6,180
TOTAL Expenditures	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$9,000	\$9,180
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$9,000	\$9,180
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$9,000	\$9,180
<u>Revenues</u>				
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$9,000)	(\$9,180)


Sponsor's Initials


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Budget Director's Initials


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