



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

HB0926 - Increase maximum elderly homeowner and renter credit (Hopkins, Mike )

**Status:** As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact     
 Needs to be included in HB 2     
 Technical Concerns  
 Included in the Executive Budget     
 Significant Long-Term Impacts     
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$1,941,000)	(\$1,965,000)	(\$1,989,000)
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$1,941,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,965,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,989,000)</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 926 increases the maximum Elderly Homeowner and Renter Credit amount from \$1,150 to \$1,700, starting TY 2024.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:****Department of Revenue**

- Under current law, individuals who are at least 62 years old, with a total annual household income of less than \$45,000 and occupy a Montana residence for at least nine months during the year, may qualify for an income tax credit that is a portion of the property tax, or rent equivalent, paid by the taxpayer. The credit is currently capped at \$1,150 for each taxpayer household.
- HB 926 increases the maximum credit amount from \$1,150 to \$1,700. The change applies starting TY 2024.
- In TY 2021, nearly 13,100 households claimed \$7 million in Elderly Homeowner and Renter Credits.
- HB 191 from the 2021 Legislature increased the credit income exclusion amount from \$6,300 to \$12,600 and increased the maximum credit amount to \$1,150. With the changes made by HB 191, the 13,100 taxpayers would have qualified for \$9.838 million in credits.
- Using the information provided in the Elderly Homeowner and Renter Credit schedule provided by the 13,100 households claiming the credit, the Department estimates that increasing the maximum credit amount would have increased the total amount of credits claimed to approximately \$11.71 million in TY 2021.

