



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

SB0032 - Revising pipeline safety regulation penalties (Cuffe, 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
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** SB 32 increases the civil penalty for violation of natural gas pipeline safety provisions and regulations to comply with federal pipeline safety requirements. The federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) monitors state pipeline safety programs, including the Montana program, to ensure the state satisfactorily complies with certification requirements. Increasing the penalty rate to align with PHMSA requirements will ensure the Montana program avoids adverse federal action resulting in a reduction of the grant reimbursement amount. Civil penalties will be deposited in state general fund. However, increase in revenue cannot be estimated due to the sporadic nature and individual findings of potential violations.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor's Initials

1/4/23

Date

Budget Director's Initials

12-22-22

Date