



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:	
SB0494 - Create a task force on the long-term continuum of care for older Montanans (Dunwell, Mary Ann)	
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 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$71,998	\$15,013	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$71,998)</u>	<u>(\$15,013)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 494 requires the creation of a task force on the Long-Term Care Continuum of Care. The Department of Public Health and Human Services and Legislative Services will incur costs for the task force for travel costs and per diem for legislative members. New section 1(6) states the following: The legislative services division shall provide staff assistance to the task force. The legislative fiscal division, the department of public health and human services, the department of labor and industry, the office of public instruction, and the university system shall provide information on request.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Legislative Services

Assumptions:

1. The task force consists of 16 members.
 - a. Two members from the House of Representatives
 - b. Two members from the Senate
 - c. One representative of the governor's office
 - d. Three representatives of the Department of Public Health and Human Services
 - e. One representative of an association engaged exclusively in long-term care advocacy in the state
 - f. One representative of an association representing Montana hospitals
 - g. One licensed nursing home administrator

- h. One assisted living facility representative
 - i. One in-home care agency representative
 - j. Two representatives of different associations engaged exclusively in advocacy for older Montanans
 - k. One representative of a county that operates a long-term care facility
2. Legislative members of the task force are entitled to receive compensation and travel reimbursement per 5-2-302, MCA.
 3. Nonlegislative members are entitled to travel reimbursement.
 4. Section 2(3) requires at least six and no more than nine meetings. For this fiscal note, the impact was calculated on nine one-day meetings held in Helena.
 5. Due to the cyclical nature of the Legislature, it is assumed that 70% of meetings will be in FY 24 and 30% of meetings will be in FY25.
 6. The fiscal impact to the Legislative Branch is broken out as follows:
 - a. Salary for legislators is \$4,731 in FY 24 and \$2,028 in FY 25
 - b. Travel for committee members is \$27,835 in FY 24 and \$11,929 in FY 25
 - c. The necessary office and day-to-day expenditures for a 16-member task force is \$2,464 in FY 24 and \$1,056 in FY 25.
 7. Section 1(6) requires Legislative Services Division (LSD) provide staff assistance to the task force.
 - a. It is assumed that LSD will utilize three staff members at least one-quarter time for this Task Force. The Legislative Branch’s HB 2 budget request was passed through Section A General Government Subcommittee with a delayed start for the three staff members that will be used to staff this Task Force in FY 2024 only. The dollar amounts for these positions were taken from IBARS and one-quarter is calculated as follows:
 - i. Attorney (FY 2024: \$14,193)
 - ii. Research Analyst (FY 2024: \$14,012)
 - iii. Committee Secretary (FY 2024: \$8,763)
 - b. If the HB 2 request is approved, it’s assumed that LSD will absorb the staffing duties within the requested budget (5-4-205(2), MCA) for the remainder of FY 2024 not specified in this fiscal note and all of FY 2025.
 - c. It is assumed LFD will absorb the additional duties with existing staff and resources.
 8. SB 494 has an effective date “upon passage and approval.” For the purposes of this fiscal note, it’s assumed that minimal existing statutory interim committees will meet in FY 2023, and if this task force meets in FY 2023, LSD will absorb the cost for members and staffing within the 2023 Biennium existing budget.
 9. SB 494 contains a contingent voidness.
 10. SB 494 has a termination date of June 30, 2025.

Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

11. DPHHS assumes if the HB 2 request is approved, it’s assumed that DPHHS will absorb the staffing duties within the requested budget.

Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)

12. DLI will be required to provide information to the taskforce on request.
13. The cost of information requests will be absorbed by the department utilizing existing authority.

Commissioner of Higher Ed

14. Commissioner of Higher Ed will be required to provide information to the taskforce on request.
15. Commissioner of Higher Ed has determined that there are no significant costs to the agency.

Office of Public Instruction

16. SB 494 requires that the OPI shall provide information on request to the task force.
17. OPI has determined that there are no significant costs to the agency.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$41,699	\$2,028	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$30,299	\$12,985	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$71,998	\$15,013	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$71,998	\$15,013	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$71,998	\$15,013	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$71,998)	(\$15,013)	\$0	\$0


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