



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0864 - Authorize transfers and other necessary measure to implement HB 2 section A (Moore, Terry)

Status: As Amended in Senate Committee

- 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	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)
State Special Revenue	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$150,500)</u>	<u>(\$150,000)</u>	<u>(\$150,000)</u>	<u>(\$150,000)</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 864 provides the Montana Veteran Affairs Division (MVAD), Department of Military Affairs (DMA) \$150,000 per fiscal year in the veterans and surviving spouses' state special revenue account. The appropriation of the transferred funds is included in HB 2.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:**Department of Administration**

- The Department of Administration shall transfer \$500 from the general fund to the primary sector business training account established in 39-11-205.

Department of Corrections (DoC)

- The bill should not have a direct fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections; rather, it provides an avenue for the Department of Administration and DoC to expedite the construction of inmate housing.

Department of Military Affairs

- HB 864 provides MVAD \$150,000 in state special revenue funding starting in FY 2024. These funds will be used in the cemetery program to initiate pre-construction costs for the Columbia Falls cemetery and for

- operational costs for the three current cemeteries in Fort Harrison, Missoula, and Miles City. The \$150,000 comes from cigarette tax revenue that would otherwise be deposited to the general fund.
4. Beginning in FY 2025, \$150,000 in state special revenue will be used to operate a new State Veterans Cemetery in Columbia Falls. These funds will provide for 2.00 FTE, 1.00 Cemetery Manager, and 1.00 Groundskeeper, and the operation and maintenance costs for a cemetery. An appropriation for the funding is currently included in HB 2 beginning in HB.
 5. The Columbia Falls cemetery was approved in HB 81 and signed by the Governor on April 18, 2023. HB 81 allows MVAD to build and operate a cemetery in Columbia Falls adjacent to the Columbia Falls Veterans Home.
 6. MVAD will apply for an establishment grant through the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), which would provide all necessary construction and equipment to start a cemetery.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)	\$150,000	\$150,000
State Special Revenue (02)	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$150,500)	(\$150,000)	\$150,000	\$150,000
State Special Revenue (02)	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

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Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date