



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

HB0876 - Create a Montana broadband coordinator (Kortum, Kelly )

**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	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>(\$750,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 876 appropriates \$750,000 from the general fund to the Department of Commerce to pay for a broadband coordinator position within the Governor's Office of Economic Development and operating funding for associated specified activities.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:****Department of Commerce**

- Since the position would be created within the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the department would enter an MOU with the Governor's Office and transfer the appropriation to the Governor's Office to support the position.

**Governor's Office**

- The position is created within the Governor's Office of Economic Development which is within the Governor's Office.
- Estimated salary and benefits for an employee with the necessary credentials is estimated to be \$187,500.
- The remainder of the appropriation would be used for contracted services and operating expenses.

	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
FTE	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Personal Services	\$187,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$562,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$750,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Technical Notes:**

1. Section 2 of the bill provides an appropriation for FY 2024 only.
2. Section 1(2)(o) of the bill requires a plan be drafted and presented to the legislature and the Governor prior to January 1, 2025 (FY 2025).
3. Section 5 of the bill terminates the requirements of the bill on December 31, 2028.
4. The appropriation in the bill does not appear to address the responsibilities of the bill for FY 2025 through termination.

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Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

*3-23-23*

Date