



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0019 - Revising laws related to Indian affairs and economic development (Running Wolf, Tyson T)

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>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$59,661	\$56,361	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$59,661)</u>	<u>(\$56,361)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 19 modifies the requirements of the Department of Commerce and the State-Tribal Development (STED) Commission related to assessments and reports of the economic activity of tribes in Montana. The bill eliminates the requirement for a decennial report on the economic contributions and impacts of Indian reservations and requires the department to develop a system to gather and make available quantifiable information on the economic contributions and impacts of Indian reservations on an ongoing basis.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:**Department of Commerce**

- Under current law the Department of Commerce is required to publish a decennial report, to be authored by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) at the University of Montana, on the economic contributions and impacts of Indian reservations in Montana.
- It has been determined there is not sufficient data sources available to adequately quantify the economic contributions of the Indian reservations.
- HB 19 eliminates the requirement for the report and instead requires the Department of Commerce to develop a system for gathering sufficient data to quantify the economic contributions of the Indian reservations.

4. The bill also requires the department to update STED Commission on this effort, and beginning no later than December 1, 2024, make data on the economic contributions of Indian reservations in Montana readily available on an ongoing basis.
5. While some of the requested data is currently available internally, through the department’s Bureau of Research & Information Services, and other relevant data is collected and made available through the Federal Reserve, these sources are not sufficient. Additional data regarding economic activity on the reservations will need to be gathered from the Tribes.
6. To comply with requirements to make this data available on an ongoing basis, a dashboard will need to be developed and maintained.
7. To research the various data sources, work with the Tribes to retrieve data from the reservations, and develop the dashboard, a 0.50 FTE Program Specialist II position will be required for the 2025 biennium. The costs are estimated to be \$52,161 in FY 2024, and \$48,861 in FY 2025. Additional contracted services for website development related to the creation of the dashboard are estimated to be \$15,000 for the 2025 Biennium.

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8. Sections 3(2)(b) and 5(3)(b) – (c) remove references to positions in the Office of Indian Affairs called Tribal Business Center Coordinator and Federal Grants Coordinator. These positions have never been authorized by the legislature or employed by the Office of Indian Affairs. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$43,061	\$43,061	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$16,600	\$13,300	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$59,661</u>	<u>\$56,361</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$59,661	\$56,361	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$59,661</u>	<u>\$56,361</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$59,661)	(\$56,361)	\$0	\$0

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