



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

HB0152 - Revise laws related to professional and occupational licensure (Mercer, Bill )

**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
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$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:** HB 152 revises and updates most laws related to professional and occupational licensing by streamlining the process for consistency across all boards. The bill will have no fiscal impact to the state.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:****Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)**

1. This legislation will revise and update most laws related to professional and occupational licensing. The legislation gives authority to draft new administrative rules and revise existing rules to implement this bill. Costs associated with rule making for HB 152 will be absorbed by current authority within DLI

**Office of Public Instruction (OPI)**

2. This bill revises laws related to professional and occupational licensure including adjusting 20-4-502, MCA, which includes requirements for the Critical Quality Educator Shortage calculations and changes license references in sections 20-5-420, 20-9-327, 20-26-1511, MCA. These education section reference changes described in the bill are assumed to have no fiscal impact on the OPI.

**Department of Livestock**

- 3. The proposed amendments to the board of veterinary medicine definitions and other language that would be revised will result in no anticipated fiscal or operational changes for the Department of Livestock or its industry stakeholders.

**Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)**

- 4. The institutional nursing incentive program would still require the individual requesting loan reimbursement to be a licensed registered professional nurse.
- 5. Based on historical application trends, there is no anticipated increase in reimbursements to registered nurses at the Montana State Prison or Montana State Hospital.

  
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