



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

SB0198 - Revise laws related to behavioral health peer support specialists (Gross, Jen)

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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 198 will establish licensure and licensure requirements for Behavioral Peer Support Specialists, and Behavioral Peer Support Specialist Candidates, allowing rulemaking to specify education, experience, and supervised experience requirements, for licensure candidates and licensees. This bill has no fiscal impact for the Department of Labor & Industry or the Board of Behavioral Health.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:**Department of Labor and Industry**

- SB 198 will require changes to administrative rules currently in place for Behavioral Peer Support Specialists, however the Department of Labor & Industry can incorporate these rulemaking changes with other rulemaking efforts within current budget authority.

Technical Notes:

1. Section 6(6)(a) of the proposed bill requires supervision by a mental health professional. Section (6)(b) defines the license types qualifying as a mental health professional. Mental health professional is a defined term at 37-38-102(5), MCA. It is ambiguous whether the restated definition intends a different applicable outcome.
2. Section 6(6)(c) sets forth supervisor requirements. These requirements are currently set forth in rules of the Board of Behavioral Health. *See* Admin. R. Mont. 24.219.907 and 24.219.421. Transferring these requirements to statute would be unique to this license type as compared with others.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor's Initials

1/30/23

Date



Budget Director's Initials

1-25-23

Date