



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

SB0264 - Revise airport all-beverage license laws (Regier, Keith )

**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
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$400</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** SB 264 revises laws pertaining to airport all-beverage licenses by decreasing the annual passenger requirement, allowing the airport licensee to lease their license to up to three individuals or entities, and allowing each lease to be based on a percentage of alcoholic beverage sales. Annual license fees from the airport that will likely receive an all-beverage license will increase general fund revenue by about \$400 each year.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS****Assumptions:**

- SB 264 decreases the annual passenger requirement from 20,000 to 5,000 persons to obtain an all-beverage airport license.
- According to 2022 enplanement statistics from the Montana Department of Transportation, about six more publicly owned airports would qualify for an all-beverage license with this decreased annual passenger requirement.
- One of these six airports, the Yellowstone airport, already has a beer and wine license (16-4-304, MCA). It is assumed that this airport would change their license to an all-beverage license.
- Because none of the other five airports have a restaurant or adequate space to have one, it is assumed that none of these five airports would receive an all-beverage license.

5. The annual fee for an airport all-beverage license is \$800.
6. The annual fee for the Yellowstone airport is currently \$400; assuming they change their license to an all-beverage license, the increase in annual license fees would increase general fund revenue by \$400 each year.
7. This bill also allows the airport licensee to lease the license to up to three individuals or entities.
8. This bill allows the lease to be based on the percentage of sales of alcoholic beverages by the lessee.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
State Special Revenue (02)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$400</u>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
State Special Revenue (02)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Technical Notes:**

1. If lessees will be allowed to purchase alcohol, they should be added to the list of people and entities under 16-4-406, MCA.
2. If the Yellowstone airport does convert to an all-beverage license, then 16-4-304, MCA, would be obsolete and could be repealed.

**NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE**

Sponsor's Initials	2/6/23 Date	 Budget Director's Initials	2-6-23 Date
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