



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0238 - Provide for the best beginnings scholarship program (Howell, SJ)

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 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 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: HB 238, as written, would not have a fiscal impact to the state. Passage of the bill will immediately create a wait list as childcare subsidy is supported by a block grant and is not classified as an entitlement program per Administration for Children and Families.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- The anticipated number of the wait list will be approximately 4,400 kids. This is based on 22% of Montana-eligible kids receiving Best Beginning Scholarships.
- Waitlist priorities are established in ARM ([ARM 37.80.201](#))
- Current copay amounts are based on a sliding fee scale.

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Sponsor's Initials

Date



Budget Director's Initials

1-18-23

Date