



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:	
HB0298 - Revise board of veterans affairs laws (Bertoglio, Marta)	
Status:	As Amended in House Committee

- 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
State Special Revenue	(\$1,544)	(\$1,544)	(\$1,544)	(\$1,544)
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$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: As amended, HB 298 reduces the size and structure of the Montana Board of Veterans Affairs from twenty members to fourteen. Six of the fourteen members are voting members who qualify for travel reimbursement for two in-person board meetings every fiscal year in conjunction with 2-18-501 through 2-18-503, MCA. The other eight members are non-voting members and do not qualify for travel reimbursement.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. HB 298 reduces the size of the Montana Board of Veterans Affairs from twenty members to fourteen members. Six members are voting members and eight members are nonvoting, ex officio members.
2. The Board of Veterans Affairs holds two in-person board meetings and one teleconference meeting each fiscal year in Helena, MT.
3. The board currently spends approximately \$7,713 per fiscal year for eleven voting members to attend two in-person meetings. This cost includes \$4,802 for mileage, \$461 for per diem, and \$2,450 for lodging.

4. Travel reimbursement based on HB 298 requirements would reduce the board’s expenditures by approximately \$1,544 each fiscal year.
5. It is assumed the total travel reimbursement for five regional members and one tribal government representative would be approximately \$6,169 per fiscal year: \$3,686 for mileage, \$383 for per diem, and \$2,100 for lodging.
6. These cost estimates are based on the residence of current board members and will fluctuate if board members who live in a different city or town are appointed.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	(\$1,544)	(\$1,544)	(\$1,544)	(\$1,544)
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>(\$1,544)</u>	<u>(\$1,544)</u>	<u>(\$1,544)</u>	<u>(\$1,544)</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$1,544)	(\$1,544)	(\$1,544)	(\$1,544)
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>(\$1,544)</u>	<u>(\$1,544)</u>	<u>(\$1,544)</u>	<u>(\$1,544)</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$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)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$1,544	\$1,544	\$1,544	\$1,544

<u>MB</u>	<u>2-10-23</u>	<u>RD</u>	<u>2-9-23</u>
Sponsor's Initials	Date	Budget Director's Initials	Date