



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0339 - Establish laws for autonomous vehicles (Loge, Denley M)

Status: As Amended in Senate 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	\$202,416	\$0	\$0	\$0
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 339 will require the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to consult with stakeholders and adopt rules regulating vehicle platooning.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. HB 339, as amended, allows vehicle platooning on public highways, but must be regulated by MDT rulemaking, and MDT shall propose these rules no later than January 30, 2024.
2. Rulemaking may require a permit for platooning commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) under 61-10-124, MCA.
3. If a permit is required by future rulemaking, there would be a cost to update permitting systems.
4. MCS Officers may need authority under 61-10-154, MCA, for platooning CMVs. Penalties for violations would be 61-8-711, MCA.
5. MCS Officers do not have authority to enforce Montana codes under Title 61, Chapter 8 of MCA.
6. Revenue may be generated by future permit requirements for platooning CMVs, but cannot be predicted.

7. MDT anticipates the hiring of a consultant to assist in the rulemaking process and stakeholder outreach.
8. The anticipated costs associated with consultant work on rulemaking from July 1 through January 30, 2024, are anticipated to be \$202,416.
9. MDT anticipates using other state rules to aid in rulemaking.
10. The proposed rulemaking will involve staff from various MDT divisions, the personal services costs will be covered by existing resources.
11. The Department of Justice assumes revenue would be generated from A “conductor” of a “platoon” in an autonomous vehicle may be convicted of DUI as if they were driving a vehicle. Montana Highway Patrol has no way to calculate the number of arrests, or the fines associated with the arrest.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$202,416	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$202,416</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$202,416	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$202,416</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</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)	(\$202,416)	\$0	\$0	\$0

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