

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill inform	Bill information:								
SB0522 - Provide hotels with grants to shelter victims of violence and human trafficking (Zolnikov, Daniel)									
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

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
	Difference	Difference	Difference	Difference
Expenditures:			6	
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SSR (02) - Commerce	(\$75,505)	(\$81,258)	(\$84,506)	(\$86,922)
SSR (02) - New DPHHS	\$75,505	\$81,258	\$84,506	\$86,922
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SSR (02) - Commerce	(\$75,505)	(\$81,258)	(\$84,506)	(\$86,922)
SSR (02) - New DPHHS	\$75,505	\$81,258	\$84,506	\$86,922
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>Description of fiscal impact</u>: SB 522, as amended, would reduce the allocation of the lodging facilities use tax to the Department of Commerce for promotion of tourism and film by 0.1%, and statutorily appropriates the funding to the Department of Justice to establish a grant program to provide lodging for victims of domestic violence or human trafficking. It is estimated this would be \$75,505 in FY 2024 and \$81,258 in FY 2025.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Revenue

1. SB 522 modifies the distribution of lodging facility use tax by reducing the amount distributed to the Department of Commerce from 60.3% to 60.2% and also distributes 0.1% to a newly established emergency lodging for victims of domestic violence or human trafficking state special revenue account.

2. HJ 2 forecasts for the lodging facility use tax for FY 2024 through FY 2025 are presented in the following table. The decrease in revenue to the Department of Commerce as well as the amount of revenue distributed to the new state special revenue account are also shown.

			Department			
Fiscal	Total	New State	of			
Year	Revenue*	Special	Commence			
FY 2024	\$75,504,503	\$75,505	(\$75,505)			
FY 2025	\$81,257,936	\$81,258	(\$81,258)			
FY 2026	\$84,506,308	\$84,506	(\$84,506)			
FY 2027	\$86,922,080	\$86,922	(\$86,922)			
*Total to be distributed per 15-65-121 (2), MCA						

3. It is not anticipated that SB 522 will have any substantial costs to the Department of Revenue.

Department of Commerce (Commerce)

- 4. Per 15-65-121, MCA, the lodging facility use tax funds allocated to Commerce are statutorily appropriated. For the purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that all revenue allocated will be expended.
- 5. Under current law the Commerce receives 60.3% of the 4% lodging facilities use tax for tourism promotion and promotion of the state as a location for the production of motion pictures and television commercials. Beginning July 1, 2027, Commerce will receive 63% of the tax.
- 6. Under the proposed legislation the department would receive 60.2% of the lodging facilities use tax for tourism promotion and promotion of the state as a location for the production of motion pictures and television commercials. Beginning July 1, 2027, Commerce would receive 62.9% of the tax.
- 7. Based on HJ 2 revenue estimates, the reduction in allocation would result in Commerce reducing the Tourism Grants program by an estimated \$75,505 in FY 2024, \$81,258 in FY 2025, \$84,506 in FY 2026, and \$86,922 in FY 2027.

Department of Justice

- 8. The bill as amended, establishes an emergency lodging for victims of domestic violence or human trafficking state special revenue account, statutorily appropriated, to be administered by the Department of Justice. The 0.1% of the lodging facility use tax reduced from Commerce will fund this new account. Funds are to provide grants to licensed establishments that provide short-term lodging in the state to individuals and families that are victims of domestic violence or human trafficking as directed in the amended bill.
- 9. The Department of Justice will have no additional costs related to SB 522.

	FY 2024 Difference	FY 2025 Difference	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference				
Fiscal Impact:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							
Expenditures:								
Grants (DPHHS)	\$75,505	\$81,258	\$84,506	\$86,922				
Grants (Commerce)	(\$75,505)	(\$81,258)	(\$84,506)	(\$86,922)				
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
TOTAL Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Funding of Expenditures:								
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
SSR (02) - Commerce	(\$75,505)	(\$81,258)	(\$84,506)	(\$86,922)				
SSR (02) - New DPHHS	\$75,505	\$81,258	\$84,506	\$86,922				
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Revenues:								
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
SSR (02) - Commerce	(\$75,505)	(\$81,258)	(\$84,506)	(\$86,922)				
SSR (02) - New DPHHS	\$75,505	\$81,258	\$84,506	\$86,922				
TOTAL Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):								
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
SSR (02) - Commerce	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
SSR (02) - New DPHHS	(\$0)	\$0	\$0	\$0				

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