

HOUSE BILL NO. 100

INTRODUCED BY G. VANCE, J. PRIEST

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FISCAL NOTES THAT INCLUDE BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENTS."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Business impact statements -- fiscal notes. (1) ~~A sponsor of a bill or any member of a committee hearing the bill~~ A LEGISLATOR WHO OBTAINS THE SIGNATURES OF 25 OTHER LEGISLATORS WHO ARE IN AGREEMENT may request that a fiscal note be prepared that includes a business impact statement as provided in subsection (2) FOR ANY BILL INTRODUCED DURING A LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

(b) A fiscal note containing a business impact statement must, whenever possible, be requested for a bill that does not require a fiscal note under 5-4-201.

(2) (a) A business impact statement must, whenever possible, include the estimated dollar amounts of the direct or indirect fiscal impacts to business that would result from passage of a bill, including but not limited to impacts on tax obligations, health care costs, workers' compensation costs, other insurance costs, liabilities, regulatory costs, labor costs, and training costs for business. The requester of the business impact statement shall direct the budget director regarding the type of business and the areas of potential impact to be covered by the business impact statement.

(b) The business impact statement may not include comments or opinions relative to the merits of the bill, but technical or mechanical defects may be noted.

(3) The provisions of 5-4-203, 5-4-204, and 5-4-206 apply to a business impact statement in the same manner as they apply to a fiscal note.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 5, chapter 4, part 2, and the provisions of Title 5, chapter 4, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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