

## 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; AND AMENDING SECTION 5-4-203, MCA."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Business impact statements -- fiscal notes. ~~(1) (a) 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. (1) THE MINORITY LEADER AND THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE MAY EACH REQUEST THAT UP TO THREE BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENTS BE PREPARED IN A SESSION AND INCLUDED WITH FISCAL NOTES AS PROVIDED IN 5-4-203 AND SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION. EACH REQUEST MUST BE FILED WITH BOTH THE BUDGET DIRECTOR AND THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST.~~

(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~~ PROVIDE DIRECTIONS 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, EXCEPT THAT THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION SHALL PREPARE THE BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT.

SECTION 2. SECTION 5-4-203, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

