

HOUSE BILL 939

Introduced by S. Rice, et al.

2/19	Introduced
2/19	Referred to Local Government
2/19	First Reading
2/21	Fiscal Note Requested
2/23	Fiscal Note Received
2/25	Fiscal Note Printed
3/07	Hearing
3/12	Committee Report--Bill Passed
3/14	Rereferred to Appropriations
3/20	Hearing
3/23	Tabled in Committee

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 2 INTRODUCED BY Steve Dineen  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN URBAN  
 5 REFORESTATION GRANT PROGRAM; ESTABLISHING AN URBAN  
 6 REFORESTATION SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING RULEMAKING  
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 12 to provide guidance to the department of state lands in  
 13 adopting rules to administer the urban reforestation grant  
 14 program provided for under [section 1(4)]. It is the intent  
 15 of the legislature that the grants under this program be  
 16 made available to local governments for the purpose of  
 17 purchasing trees to reforest Montana's cities and towns. The  
 18 costs associated with planting the trees are not covered by  
 19 this program.

20 The grants are to be made available to any local  
 21 government in the state and are to be awarded by the  
 22 department biennially on a competitive basis. A single grant  
 23 may not exceed \$20,000. Criteria for awarding the grants are  
 24 to be determined by the department and should include but  
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1 financial assistance to accomplish reforestation.

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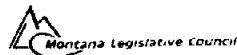
8 (a) the appropriation provided for in [section 3];

9 (b) money received by the department of state lands in  
 10 the form of legislative appropriations, reimbursements,  
 11 gifts, federal funds, or appropriations from any source  
 12 intended to be used for the purposes of this account.

13 (3) Money in the account is available to the department  
 14 for the uses set forth in subsection (4). Any unencumbered  
 15 and unexpended balance of this account remaining at the end  
 16 of a fiscal year does not lapse but must be carried forward  
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 20 to fund an urban reforestation grant program to local  
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3   indemnity trust fund provided for in 15-38-201 to the urban  
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5   in fiscal year 1992 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 1993.

6        NEW SECTION.   **Section 4.**   Effective date. [This act] is  
7   effective July 1, 1991.

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## STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0939, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

An act establishing an urban reforestation grant program; establishing an urban reforestation special revenue account; providing rulemaking authority; providing an appropriation; and providing an effective date.


ASSUMPTIONS:

- Interest earnings for the Resource Indemnity Trust will be \$7,953,000 in FY92 and \$8,605,000 in FY93 (OBPP).
- The distribution of the interest earnings of the Resource Indemnity Trust for the FY92-93 biennium, according to current law, will be: \$175,000 to the environmental contingency account and \$50,000 to the oil and gas production damage mitigation account, with 30% of the remainder allocated to the water development account, 12% of the remainder to the hazardous waste/CERCLA account, 8% of the remainder to the renewable resource development account, 46% of the remainder to the reclamation and development grants account, and 4% of the remainder to the environmental quality protection fund (MCA 15-38-202).

FISCAL IMPACT:Fund Information:

Resource Indemnity Trust Fund Interest Earnings (02)

	FY92			FY93		
	Current	Proposed	Difference	Current	Proposed	Difference
Environ. Contingency	175,000	175,000	0	175,000	175,000	0
O&G Damage Mitigation	50,000	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	0
Water Development	2,318,000	2,288,000	(30,000)	2,514,000	2,484,000	(30,000)
Hazardous Waste/CERCLA	927,000	915,000	(12,000)	1,006,000	994,000	(12,000)
Renewable Resources	618,000	610,000	(8,000)	670,000	662,000	(8,000)
Rec. & Development	3,555,000	3,509,000	(46,000)	3,855,000	3,809,000	(46,000)
Environ. Quality	309,000	305,000	(4,000)	335,000	331,000	(4,000)
Urban Reforestation	0	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	100,000
Total	7,952,000	7,952,000	0	8,605,000	8,605,000	0

  
 ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR      DATE  
 Office of Budget and Program Planning

  
 SHEILA RICE, PRIMARY SPONSOR      DATE  
 2/25/91

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