

SENATE BILL 76

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1 SENATE BILL NO. 76
 2 INTRODUCED BY Don Whalen Disig
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE
 5 OF THE STATE COORDINATOR FOR ETHNIC AFFAIRS; DEFINING THE
 6 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COORDINATOR FOR ETHNIC
 7 AFFAIRS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

10 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Legislative findings. The
 11 legislature of the state of Montana finds that:

12 (1) many ethnic minorities in this state are confronted
 13 by problems such as unemployment, underemployment, and the
 14 lack of economic and educational opportunity;

15 (2) the problems facing ethnic minorities are
 16 perpetuated because there has been no concerted or faithful
 17 effort to eliminate the factors contributing to undesirable
 18 social and economic conditions for ethnic minorities in the
 19 state; and

20 (3) there is a need to increase the awareness of both
 21 the public and private sectors in order to address the
 22 current problems and conditions confronting ethnic
 23 minorities in Montana.

24 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Declaration of legislative
 25 purpose. Consistent with the findings stated in [section 1],

1 the legislature declares that it is the purpose of [sections
 2 1 through 7] to assist and enable ethnic minorities to take
 3 their rightful place in society.

4 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Definitions. For purposes of
 5 [sections 1 through 7], unless the context requires
 6 otherwise, the following definitions apply:

7 (1) "Coordinator for ethnic affairs" means the person
 8 appointed by the governor to serve in the office of the
 9 state coordinator for ethnic affairs as provided in [section
 10 5].

11 (2) "Ethnic minority" means a person of Hispanic,
 12 Black, Asian, or other minority race.

13 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Office of state coordinator
 14 for ethnic affairs. (1) There is an office of the state
 15 coordinator for ethnic affairs.

16 (2) The office is attached to the department of
 17 commerce for administrative purposes only as provided in
 18 2-15-121.

19 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Appointment of state
 20 coordinator. (1) The governor shall appoint the coordinator
 21 for ethnic affairs from a list of qualified ethnic
 22 minorities that must include the names of persons submitted
 23 by organizations representing ethnic minorities in the
 24 state.

25 (2) The governor shall set the salary of the



1 coordinator for ethnic affairs.

2 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Term -- vacancy in office. (1)

3 The coordinator for ethnic affairs shall serve a term of 4
4 years and may be reappointed by the governor for additional
5 terms.

6 (2) A vacancy in the office must be filled in the same
7 manner as the original appointment.

8 NEW SECTION. Section 7. Duties and responsibilities.

9 The coordinator for ethnic affairs shall:

10 (1) acquaint himself with the problems confronting
11 ethnic minorities in Montana;

12 (2) focus attention on the problems of ethnic
13 minorities in the state in order to foster better
14 understanding and concern for the problems of ethnic
15 minorities;

16 (3) inform the governor and the legislature of the
17 problems of ethnic minorities and recommend ways to address
18 these problems;

19 (4) serve as a representative for ethnic minorities in
20 all matters of state government of special concern to ethnic
21 minorities in the state; and

22 (5) carry out any other responsibilities consistent
23 with the purpose of [sections 1 through 7].

24 NEW SECTION. Section 8. Codification instruction.

25 [Sections 1 through 7] are intended to be codified as an

1 integral part of Title 53, chapter 8, and the provisions of
2 Title 53, chapter 8, apply to [sections 1 through 7].

3 NEW SECTION. Section 9. Effective date. [This act] is
4 effective July 1, 1991.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB0076, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act establishing an Office of the State Coordinator for Ethnic Affairs; defining the duties and responsibilities of the coordinator for ethnic affairs; and providing an effective date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The proposed Office of the State Coordinator for Ethnic Affairs would perform an advocacy role similar to the Office of the State Coordinator of Indian Affairs.
2. The proposed Office of the State Coordinator for Ethnic Affairs will require the same number of FTE and operating expenses as represented in the executive budget recommendation for the Office of the State Coordinator of Indian Affairs. Personal service costs in FY92 consist of one exempt position at a salary of \$34,262 in FY92 and \$34,131 in FY93 plus one position at a grade 12 step 2 for a salary of \$19,381 in FY92 and \$19,308 in FY93. Benefits in FY92 are figured at 14.95% for a cost of \$8,020 and at 15.13% in FY93 for a cost of \$8,085. State health insurance costs are \$3,600 for each of the fiscal years.
3. The initial equipment expenses will be approximately \$10,000 during the first year of operation.
4. Although the Department of Commerce currently does not have office space available for an Office of the State Coordinator for Ethnic Affairs, the coordinator for ethnic affairs is assumed to locate office space at the prevailing state rate.

FISCAL IMPACT:Department of Commerce:

	FY 92			FY 93		
	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
FTE	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	2.00
Personal Services	0	65,262	65,262	0	65,124	65,124
Operating Costs	0	33,259	33,259	0	33,130	33,130
Equipment	0	10,000	10,000	0	0	0
Total	0	108,521	108,521	0	98,254	98,254

Funding:

General fund	0	108,521	108,521	0	98,254	98,254
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 ROD SUNDSTED BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
 Office of Budget and Program Planning

 1/23/91
 THOMAS E TOWE PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

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