

1                    H JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 118  
 2 INTRODUCTION BY Bradley - Face Kutile Hessman Johnson Johnson  
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## STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 182-77

## FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 24, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Joint Resolution 18 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

HJR 18 would create a select committee to study the collection, preservation, and dissemination of Montana's Historical and Cultural record.

## ASSUMPTIONS:

1. An eight (8) member committee would meet four (4) times in Helena.
2. The Legislative Council will not be able to provide staff support within their present budget.
3. Total costs will be the same as a typical interim study.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Professional staff	\$ 7,910
Clerical staff	2,966
Staff supplies and travel	<u>1,156</u>
Total operating cost	<u>12,032</u>
Legislator compensation	1,518
Legislator expense allowance	1,920
Legislator mileage	<u>1,440</u>
Total committee cost	<u>4,878</u>
Total cost of study	<u>\$16,910</u>

*Richard L. Young for*  
BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-27-77

SECOND READING

MISSING

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