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COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BARRY STANG**, on March 7, 1991, at
3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Barry "Spook" Stang, Chairman (D)
Floyd "Bob" Gervais, Vice-Chairman (D)
Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Robert Clark (R)
Jane DeBruycker (D)
Alvin Ellis, Jr. (R)
Gary Feland (R)
Mike Foster (R)
Patrick Galvin (D)
Dick Knox (R)
Don Larson (D)
Scott McCulloch (D)
Jim Madison (D)
Linda Nelson (D)
Don Stepler (D)
Howard Toole (D)
Rolph Tunby (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bob Clark

Staff Present: Valencia Lane, Legislative Council
Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

HEARING ON HB 568

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JIM RICE, House District 43, East Helena, said this bill was introduced by the Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division. This bill will increase motor vehicle fees in two ways: 1) increasing the standard 4 year drivers license fee from \$12 to \$16 for the purpose of increasing services, specifically setting up the express renewal service for drivers licenses that will be set up in 10 cities across the state; and 2) a commercial license fee increase that is being proposed to make up for the

loss of federal funds. He said there are amendments to be submitted to the bill to make sure all of the dollars generated by these fees will go directly to the general fund and be appropriated from that.

Proponents' Testimony:

Anita Draws, Chief Examiner for the Drivers Services Bureau, said the department's purpose for this bill is to create express stations for drivers license renewal and provide continuing funding for the commercial licensing program. She addressed the increases: 1) the \$4 increase to the basic license cost is to provide a new express renewal service. The express station concept allows a person who wishes to renew to do so without delay in a separate facility dedicated to the renewal process. The budget request for funding to provide this service in the 10 major cities was approved by the appropriation subcommittee. The \$4 increase will cover the costs of the requests. She said the bureau has experimented with express license stations in Great Falls and Billings. The Great Falls station in a separate facility, has been very successful in all but eliminating waiting lines. The Billings station is set up in the same office space and has met with several problems, mostly applicant confusion on which line to wait in. The staff increase will allow them to establish service in other smaller communities, some of the least inactive stations that have been eliminated in order to keep up with the increased workload statewide; 2) (a) the increase request for the commercial vehicle operator's endorsement is for the purpose of continuing operation of the commercial vehicle program; (b) provide required funding for the entry of each commercial driver and (c) to the automated national clearing house. The clearing house is a program established by the federal government which contains the records of all commercial drivers and is required before a commercial driver license can be issued or renewed. The Montana Commercial License program has been funded in large part by federal grants as the operation is small enough to operate within that available federal grant. As provided by the federal act, fiscal year 1991 grant is the last federal grant that is available for this program. She said they have been aware of the grant limit for some time, and the original request in the 1987 session was made with information provided to the Highway Committee in a back session, that funding a program would become a state responsibility. The continuous of the commercial licensing program is a state function and responsibility, with failure to do so resulting in the withholding of highway funds beginning with 5 percent in 1993, 10 percent a year following thereafter; 3) the \$8 increase requested for commercial license will provide the funding necessary to operate this program. She distributed information that shows Montana is among the lowest fees in the nation. She informed the committee the two other bills to be heard today do not address this issue and to consider it separately. EXHIBIT 1

Wayne Tooley, Chief of the Driver's Services Bureau, reiterated what Ms. Drews said regarding the commercial driver's license fee increase. He said when the program began in 1987, it was clear in the federal law at that time the grants program would run out this year. He said this should not be unexpected or new because it had been presented before the house and senate highway committees. This is something that needs to be done in order to continue the program and not lose any highway funds.

Mick Robinson, Central Services administrator for the Department of Justice, addressed the fiscal note presented in connection with HB 568. He said the increase in the driver's licenses was proposed as a method of funding the particular expansions. He said the bill did have a drafting error in it as far as the allocation of those particular license fees. The basic increase of \$1 per year for the basic driver's license is allocated to four different sources. The intention of the dept. of Justice for the \$1 per year be demoted just for the expansion of the driver's express stations. He said proposed amendments to amend title 61, chapter 5, 212, will recalculate the allocation percentages of the driver's license fees. This will allocate the increased fees to the general fund revenue for a total of \$708,000 in fiscal year 1992, and \$710,000 in 1993. The appropriation presented to the subcommittee amounted to \$570,000 for fy 1992 and \$527,000 for fy 1993. The increased fee will provide excess general fund revenue above the requested appropriation. EXHIBITS 2 AND 3

Curt Langin, Mt Motor Carrier's Association, said the state of Montana and the commercial driver's license service people have given the motor carrier industry excellent service since the initiation of the commercial driver's license standards. The driver's services have worked hard to simplify testing procedures and an approved communication about the CDL requirements to the transportation industry. As recently as February 21, 1991, the Driver's Services Division worked with the Montana Motor Carrier's Association to hold a cooperative CDL testing session for commercial driver's in Billings to alleviate the back-log of people waiting to test at the drivers licensing stations. The impending loss of federal funding in 1991 could affect the opportunity for Montana to meet a licensing requirement needs of Montana drivers. Federal rules require a commercial driver to pass the various CDL tests because they are bound by law to meet these requirements. The association is concerned if HB 568 doesn't pass, inadequate funding could result for the CDL program. Without the funding, there would be a loss of services.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members:

REP. BERGSAGEL asked what are the 10 major cities that the express driver's license services would be located in. REP. RICE said they were; Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Helena, Great Falls,

Missoula, Miles City, Glendive and Kalispell.

REP. FOSTER asked when the last fee put into place. Mr. Tooley said the last fee increase was in 1987. He said this is the first fee increase they have asked for, and it is for service increases. The rest have been for external, i.e., to cover the cost of photographic licenses, etc.

REP. KNOX asked Mr. Tooley if the increase of funds in the rural areas will increase the work load in the rural areas. Mr. Tooley said it was their intention to bring services to those areas that are currently cut back because of the workload.

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. RICE thanked the committee for a good hearing and urged their support for HB 568.

HEARING ON HB 575

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. MARK O'KEEFE, House District 45, Helena, said this bill will transfer registration and titling duties from the county treasurers to the Motor Vehicle Division. This will be accomplished by replacing the words county and county treasurer with the words Department of Justice or Motor Vehicle Division. It also provides for an increase of all title and lien fees to a uniform \$10 to provide funding for the program. Minor changes in the language will be needed to accommodate the transfer. He said the number one concern that most people have is why do they have to go through the present system to purchase license plates every year.

Proponents' Testimony:

Mark Racicot, Attorney General's Office, Department of Justice, said there are a number of problems that exist in the current system of titling and registration of vehicles. With limited resources, revenue and personnel, those in charge of performing the daily duties are constantly challenged to deliver governmental services in a manner to meet the expectations of the legislative body as well as the public being served. He said all involved in the system want to deliver a quality product to the people of Montana. A study that was initially started with the Auto Theft Task Force, realized there are a number of institutional problems that exist within the Motor Vehicle Division in regards to the registration system. The current system was originated and designed back in the days of President Hoover. It has been added to piece by piece over a number of generations to suit the needs of the people. Those involved at the state level and those in the county treasurer's offices have a number of frustrations to confront because of the piecemeal effect. He said when the department went on-line with the 12

counties on the new computer system in January 1989, caused a significant amount of difficulty for the county treasurers and the Department of Justice. There are presently 56 county treasurers, GVW division, and the Registrar's Bureau, are involved in some fashion in providing motor vehicle titling and registration services for a total of 58 different management systems involved in the process. He said the department became involved in changing the system back on March 22, 1990, with the Modern Study committee. There was a number of county commissioners, members of Legislature, county treasurers and those involved in titling and registration of automobiles and those impacted by the types of processes in the form of Montana Auto Dealers and the Montana Banker's Association. They examined the entire process to improve it. This bill will improve the services and the capability of dealing with the system that is currently in place.

Bud Schoen, Department of Justice, said the \$10 fee will provide the funding needed for this bill. It will be a one-time fee paid by the public only when a title is issued or changed. He discussed the changes in the bill. EXHIBIT 4

Dean Roberts, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, said the division handles the licensing of all Montana drivers, the titling and registration of vehicles. These two functions have a direct affect on every tax payer in the state. He said part of the problem is budgetary. The laws are old that govern the titling and registration of vehicles. There is a lack of an effective central management system. This bill will transfer to the division the process of receiving application for titles and registration directly from the applicant. He said the law for collecting the fees, dates back to 1917 that called for county treasurers to receive application were enacted to ensure collection of personnel property taxes on motor vehicles. This has become an unnecessary burden on the tax payer in this day and age. By making provisions for central management, consolidating services dealing with vehicle owners and providing sufficient operating funds while supplying substantial financial relief to county government, the proposal covered most if not all of the difficulties in the current system while providing an innovative approach to better and more conveniently serve the public. The bill is intended to accomplish the following: 1) transfer to the motor vehicle division the duty of receiving applications for vehicle titles and registration combined in one location in each county all business relating to the licensing of drivers and titling and registration of vehicles and dealer law; 2) provide an immediate updating of records in the ability to register or title vehicles in any office location regardless of county of residence of the owner, by fully automating the system, e.g., if a person lives in Lewis and Clark county, they should be able to register their vehicle in Yellowstone county; 3) provide better and more accessible driver licensing services by fully utilizing the examiners time. At the present time, examiners spend one-third of their time traveling from one place to another. He said

during a given day, there are no more than 20 driver's license stations open on that day. He said there are only 6 permanent stations open for services every day in Montana; 4) provide a simple, reliable and prompt method of renewing vehicle registration by mail through the centralized automated system, including the ability to use major credit cards for that purpose. He hoped that in the near future a person could register their vehicle by telephone which is done in only two states at this time; 5) provide for the operation of the two systems with a smaller staff by cross-training each employee to do several tasks. He said there are currently 185 FTE that do titling and registration throughout the state. In the drivers service's field there are approximately 41 FTE for a total combined staff is approximately 200 FTE; 6) provide substantial financial relief to each county by longer requiring counties to subsidize a state function with their general revenue fund. All counties now spend about two times as much to accomplish titling and registration functions, than the fee established by law for them to perform those tasks, e.g. Cascade county collects in fees for vehicle registration on a yearly basis of \$85,000. Cascade county spends in their motor vehicle department approximately \$250,000 per year. There would be a savings to the county's general fund to be used for other purposes of approximately \$164,000 under HB 575; 7) provide an automated system for collecting to a central bank all deposits of motor vehicle taxes received, allocating those taxes to the county by vehicles registered, and electronically depositing the allocated amounts in the local banks used by the counties within 48 to 72 hours of receipt. Mr. Roberts said with this system in place, it will bring Montana's motor vehicle system in line with the national motor vehicle system, saving the taxpayers dollars and significantly raising the level of service.

Linda Stoll-Anderson, Lewis and Clark County Commissioner, spoke in favor of HB 575. She distributed a handout. EXHIBIT 5 She has worked on this issue for over 2 years. In 1990, she was approached by the county treasurer who was concerned with the heavy back-log. She said they added to over \$30,000 to the county treasurer's budget this year, above and beyond what they had budgeted last year. If HB 575 were to pass, it would save the Lewis and Clark tax payers \$110,000 to \$140,000. She said it costs them more to collect than the collection itself. She urged the committees consideration to support HB 575.

Steve Turkiewitz, Montana Auto Dealer's Association, said the demand of the current titling and registration system cannot continue to meet the increased demands of today's titling and registration licensing environment. The function of titling and registration is clearly a function of compelling state interest. Montana's car and truck owners demand and deserve efficient and simple, secure and timely titling and registration system. HB 575 provides the mechanism designed and implement a centralized automated titled and registration system. He urged the committee's consideration on the merits of HB 575.

Opponents' Testimony:

Cort Harrington, Montana County Treasurer's Association, said one of the problems the county treasurers have with this bill is the taxation, collection and the distribution of taxes. The titling and registration of motor vehicles are tied to the collection of taxes and their distribution. The Motor Vehicle Division would have to take over the function of collecting the taxes and providing some distribution scheme. The bill will require the county treasurers to determine the average mill levy each year in the county. He said the county treasurers have a problem on what determines the average mill levy. Is it based on the average taxpayers, tax jurisdictions, or is it a weighted average? He said the solution contained in this bill is not the answer.
EXHIBIT 6

Pat Cook, Montana Treasurers Association, Lake County, submitted handouts. **EXHIBIT 7** is from the Flathead County Treasurer who was not able to attend. **Ms. Cook** explained her handout. **EXHIBIT 8** One of her concerns is that Lake County is an Indian Reservation. The tribal members have the option of not paying those vehicle fees and taxes. She did not know how the state would deal with those tribal members. She said that county treasurers are a real dedicated group of people and feels they meet the needs and services that the public demands. She urged the committee to oppose HB 575.

Dick Michelate, Cascade County Treasurer, distributed information on Cascade County. **EXHIBIT 9** He took the actual fees that Cascade County collected and distributed in 1989. He then used the formula set out by HB 575 on how the money is to be distributed if this bill passes. School district 1C, **REP. GALVIN'S** district, will lose \$375,000 on this distribution scheme. Another school district, 1-, will gain \$222,000. This is using the same amount of revenue coming in. He said Legislature just went through a special session on school equalization and would hate to see what this bill would do to it.

Susan Spurgeon, Fergus County Treasurer, said she had concerns and reservations and asked the committee to oppose HB 575. Counties with investment programs would see a decrease in earnings as the funds would be routed through the depository and then to the county 2 - 3 days later. For the smaller counties that have investment programs would see a substantial decrease and interest earnings that help county/local governments survive at this time of economic constraints.

Kevan Bryan, Yellowstone County Treasurer, said he opposes HB 575. He distributed information from the Yellowstone County Assessor, Max Lenington. **EXHIBIT 10** He said this bill does two things on taxes: 1) on cars and light trucks, the 2% that is paid by the taxpayer, would be spread out based on residential property taxes billed in the district compared with the county as a whole; and 2) the big trucks and trailers, etc., where an

average mill levy would be used for the county for collection on those types of taxes. He didn't have time to figure out and compare the light vehicle fees in Yellowstone county, but they estimated on a simple average base mill levy, that all jurisdictions would lose a total of \$61,000 per year.

Chuck Krause, Silver Bow County Treasurer, said he opposes HB 575. He distributed his comments. EXHIBIT 11

Cele Pohle, Powell County Treasurer, spoke against HB 575. EXHIBIT 12

Shelly Laine, City of Helena, urged the committee to give HB 575 a "do not pass" recommendation.

Dave Moss, Beaverhead County Treasurer, said they give good service to their community and they all like their jobs. He urged the committee to not pass HB 575.

Kim Harris, Lewis and Clark County Treasurer, said the loss in revenues based on both the collection and distribution of HB 575 to all entities of L & C County is \$195,000. She distributed handouts that would explain this. EXHIBIT 13

Susan Miller, Jefferson County Treasurer, said there is one thing that has not been covered about licensing vehicles, is the extra service that the county treasurers provide when they receive new title work. The paper work is checked, and if it isn't correct it is returned to the dealer and they work with the dealer and the individual so there are no unnecessary trips made to the county treasurer's office, she wondered if the state will do this. EXHIBIT 14

John Witt, Montana Association of Counties (MACO), Choteau County, said the majority of counties across Montana through a voting process that is done through district meetings oppose HB 575. He wanted to go on record as Chairman of the Choteau County Commissioners, they believe it is not in the best interest of their local community if this bill is passed.

Janis Bowen, Granite County Treasurer, said HB 575 will cause a terrible problem in Granite County with the taxpayers losing money. Granite County is a small county and they have lost the services for motor vehicles and the driver's licensing personnel. She receives 2 to 3 calls a day from the people in her county wondering why they cannot get their driver's license there.

Diana Felton, Toole County Treasurer, wanted to go on record in opposition of HB 575. If HB 575 is allowed to pass, the state will have to have additional staff, additional computer mechanism, and pay state salaries which will probably be double of what the employees are making at the county level. She cannot understand the feasibility of providing these services at the state department that is presently being sent to them from 56

counties and compiling all the documents and information being sent to them that is necessary to finish the titling process, and provide that service to them faster, better, easier than what the department is currently doing. When that information is sent to the department now, it takes them 2 months to get a title, and they say they can do this in 48 hours. She urged the committee to look at this proposal and oppose HB 575.

Art Kleinjan, Blaine County Commissioner, said he is concerned with HB 575. He wants to be in the position when the bill is voted down to say "yes" to the people in his county, that he, the county treasurer or assessor can take care of the titling and registration and not have to send it to the state of Montana to take care of it. He hoped the committee would vote no on this bill.

Questions From Committee Members:

REP. GALVIN asked Mr. Schoen with the bill raising the fees considerably, if could he tell the committee what the extent of the overall average increase would be per vehicle. Mr. Schoen said the title fee at the current time is \$5. He asked Mr. Roberts to explain this.

Mr. Roberts said this bill does not raise everything. It only raises the fees on the titling transactions, it does not raise the fee on the registration side. If a person was not registering their vehicle, there would not be an additional cost with HB 575.

REP. FOSTER asked REP. O'KEEFE about the fiscal note on page 2, in the technical notes, it says the fees were increased in some sections above the level intended, and other sections where fees were not increased as intended in the bill draft, if he would explain this. The question was directed to Mick Robinson, Central Services Administrator for the Department of Justice. Mr. Robinson said the department is in the processing of trying to put together a number of legislative activities that are connected with the department's original vision of "modern bill". It will encompass the driver's licensing function, the registration functions and the motor vehicle inspection function. He said there are some drafting errors in HB 575. There are fees in the present bill that were changed in error, i.e., liens were changed from \$4 to \$10. It should have been the titling fee that was changed from \$5 to \$10.

REP. FOSTER asked Mark Racicot, Attorney General, under the assumption #4 on the fiscal note, it says there will be 77 FTE's added the first year and 148 FTE's the second year, where will these people go. Mr. Racicot said these people will be in the fields in the counties, towns and cities across Montana. It will probably involve the people that are already involved in the process now. They will be a state employee instead of a county employee. He did not expect the services to be expanded. It

will be the driver's services, bin inspection services, the auto theft task force services, and the titling and registration services. He said that more of the people will be cross-trained to perform the services. **REP. FOSTER** asked if a person that is working for the county have to apply for the job they are doing now. **Mr. Racicot** said yes.

REP. TOOLE asked what the impact would be on all the counties in the state if this bill is passed, and has there been any studies or effort made to determine county by county what the plus or minuses would be. **Mr. Roberts** said by using the average mill levy for the heavier vehicles might be where the tax dollars are lost. The other issue involved is the actual cost of performing the services. In that case, there wouldn't be a county in the state that would gain revenues back into their general fund for having to spend them on the motor vehicle registration in the county. He said that none of the counties in the state make money from motor vehicle registration fees for the express purpose of doing that service.

CHAIRMAN STANG asked **Mr. Roberts** if he knew what the average salary would be for the state employees versus the average salary the county employees are currently being paid. **Mr. Roberts** said they used an average figure of \$16,000 per year per employee for the state. The current salary of the county employees probably averages around \$13,000 per year per employee. **CHAIRMAN STANG** asked **Mr. Roberts** how he foresees the driver's license examiner that currently doesn't have to time to take care of the people to do driver's license, will these counties receive a full-time examiner or will some of the counties still have a part-time examiner. **Mr. Roberts** said someone will be in every county every day, some counties would be a half day. These employees would be local residents.

REP. CLARK asked **Mr. Roberts** to justify the 300% increase in fees that this bill will do. **Mr. Roberts** said he did not know how to justify the increase. It was a way to pay for the program. He said if a person looks at the free market system on what it costs to go to a titling company to get anything done will cost more than \$10. Presently, the county clerk and recorder's office charge \$5 per page to file a document. He said the department would charge \$5 for a hundred pages if that is what a person had on a title. It is micro filmed, indexed, filed, same thing the county clerk and recorder does for \$5. He felt from the standpoint of the amount of dollars, that it could be justified with the services that are provided.

REP. MADISON asked **Susan Miller**, Jefferson County Treasurer, what would be the typical situation of someone coming into the treasurer's office in Jefferson county to register a motor vehicle, will they be standing in line for a half hour. **Ms. Miller** said that Jefferson county is fortunate to be a small county. The people do not have to deal with long lines. She said the ranchers that come in with 20 receipts can pick up their

registrations within a half hour. They have 3 to 4 people that are cross-trained. She said they very seldom have long lines.

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. O'KEEFE thanked the proponents and opponents for a good hearing. The bill is to improve services by reforming the system that dates back to the early 1900's. He said the treasurers have a bill that will be following this hearing. There is an acknowledgement that there are problems within the system. He said this bill is not an attempt to attack the county government or officials, but an attempt to improve the system. He said there was not a citizen here today to testify on this bill. He said it is the job of the elected officials to serve the public.

HEARING ON HB 579

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JERRY DRISCOLL, House District 92, Billings, said this is the bill that everyone has talked about on the bill heard before this one. This bill will revise the motor vehicle laws. It will increase the number of registration periods from 10 to 12, provide for mail renewal cards for light vehicles, motor homes, campers, travel trailers, boats, snowmobiles, motorcycles, quadricycles and off-highway vehicles. HB 579 provides for the implementation of a state wide computer system network and appropriate money to the county motor vehicle computer committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

Cort Harrington, Montana County Treasurer's Association, said this bill was introduced at the request of the county treasurers association. It is a response to HB 575 that was just heard. Many of the things heard in HB 575 and will be heard in this bill should be given credit to the motor vehicle division. He spoke about the similar things between HB 575 and HB 579. HB 579 will make an effective date for motor vehicle registration on January 1 instead of the middle of a registration period. Mr. Harrington went through each section of the bill. The difference between the this bill and the Motor Vehicle Division, is they want the authority to transfer vehicles from a current registration period to one of the two months the department wanted add. This bill will be over a period of a 12 month time. People who come in to register for the first time in one of those months can have their vehicle registered in that month. In section 3 of HB 579 and section 25 of HB 575, addresses the 60 day sticker. It is amended in both bills and is essentially the same. It requires people that come in to get a 60 day sticker to pay all the taxes and fees that would be normally paid when the vehicle is registered. The county treasurers believe it is easier for them to have the mail reregistration. The computer system that is in the 13 counties is a good system. Mr. Harrington wants it

mandated for all 56 counties to be on-line. He didn't know if it a county system or a state system. The funding source comes from adding \$1 to the registration and reregistration of all vehicles that will sunset in two years. He said the \$1 should take care of the cost of the equipment that will be placed in the counties. He offered amendments to the bill. **EXHIBIT 15** The amendment asks that proof of insurance must be shown when registering a vehicle. The given difference between the two bills, is who will own the system.

Billye Ann Bricker, Mineral County Treasurer, said her county is 87% federally owned. The Bonneville Power Association (BPA) runs the full length of the county and 50% or more of the taxes are protested. She said her comments would be a mixture of HB 575 and this bill, HB 579. She opposes the modern bill, HB 575. The further away from local control the more is taken away from the people and the more suspicious the people become. They are losing more county jobs to the state, and was sure the state resented losing their jobs to the federal government. They want to keep the motor vehicle on the local level no matter what promises the state makes, and they are willing to pay for it. She said there is a joke going around her county about the department that says "yep, they're going to do it cheaper by charging more". There is another bill in before a committee, that will raise driver's licenses. The price of titles are going up while the county treasurers are still in charge, so it will look like they are at fault, and the people will be cooled down by the time the department takes over. She is in favor of the 12 month registration period, they do not need to be worrying about the end of the month duties like it currently is on a 10 month period. **Ms. Bricker** said they encourage mail-in for registrations. People do not want to see HB 575 go through. She urged the committee's support for HB 579.

Susan Spurgeon, Fergus County Treasurer, spoke in favor of HB 579. She addressed the \$1 added on the registration fee. The automation of all 56 counties would be an efficient way to have the system. The county treasurers have been documenting material that would state how many dollars need to be added to each of the motor vehicles, i.e., junk vehicle fees, noxious weed fees, and the fee for funding the highway patrolmen retirement. She hoped this bill passes, so she can tell her people when they ask her why did the fee go up one more dollar on their vehicle, she will be able to explain to them that it will give better and more efficient service across the state of Montana to deal with motor vehicle registrations.

Kevan Bryan, Yellowstone County Treasurer, said he rises in support of HB 579. It amazes him how state and local government have the unfortunate relationship with various segments of the entities. He said that state and local government must view each other as equal partners in the efforts to provide service to the Montana taxpayers. He said the process of this last session, that both sides should have listened more and talked less. Mr.

Bryan said the county treasurers need to realize and respect the fact that the state sees a whole broad picture and can provide valuable insights into the future vision of the overall function. The state needs to respect the fact that the treasurers have the valuable experience of millions of personable contact with the taxpayers and they know more than anyone what works and what doesn't. He said it takes the local people to know what will work in each situation. The procedure done in Yellowstone County will not work in Winnett. He said the county treasurers need to be able to register motor vehicles 12 months out of the year. People need the option of mail-ins or come into the office if they want. HB 579 raises \$1 and sunsets. The fee raises enough money to pay for the \$838,000 worth of equipment the state has put into the treasurer's fiscal note to administrate the system that will need to be in place for all counties to go on-line. That is all the fee intends to do than it will go away. He said a person does not need a business degree to transfer a title in Montana.

Mary Kay Browning, Valley County Treasurer, said she is in support of HB 579.

John Witt, MACO, urged the committee to support HB 579. He said this needs to be kept at the local level.

Susan Miller, Jefferson County Treasurer, spoke in favor of HB 579. EXHIBIT 16

Fleda Brammer, Broadwater County Treasurer, wanted to go on record in support of HB 579.

Mike Trevor, Administrator of Information Services Division, DOA, said he is neutral on HB 579. He talked about the statement of intent. The department may not adopt a computer system or make changes to the computer system without approval by the user's advisory group. He said there is a problem that needs to be worked out. The user's advisory group would control changes to the application system. He is worried about this group setting the standards for the Department of Justice.

Diana Felton, Toole County Treasurer, reiterated what Kevan Bryan from Yellowstone county said. She said the treasurers have been elected by the citizens of the community in their best interest to serve the communities needs. She felt that the citizens of the communities across Montana are not willing to give up the services that are provided by the country treasurer's office.

Patty Miller, Madison County Treasurer, wanted to go on record in support of HB 579.

Dick Michelate, Cascade County Treasurer, wanted to be recorded in favor of HB 579. He said he was also representing the county commissioners who wanted to go on record in support of HB 579.

Opponents' Testimony:

Dean Roberts, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, said the department does not have a problem with the automated system. He asked the chairman to place HB 579 in a subcommittee with HB 575. He said the county treasurers and the Department of Justice want to serve the citizens of Montana better and felt something could be worked out between the two bills.

Questions From Committee Members:

REP. FOSTER asked Ms. Spurgeon about the \$1 fee, and what would be accomplished by the computer system being linked throughout the state. Ms. Spurgeon said that the counties that have not been able to be automated on the statewide network, but have their own computer, would be able to give better and faster service to the customer. The input on a reregistration, would go straight to Deer Lodge and be recorded at that time instead of 3 days later. A title transfer would be on the system, even if it hasn't been issued, it would be on record in Deer Lodge. This not only helps the counties, the Department of Justice, and Deer Lodge, but would also be available for the law enforcement. REP. FOSTER asked if the \$1 fee was deleted, but the rest of the bill was left alone, what would it do to the counties. Ms. Spurgeon said if the \$1 is kicked out, there wouldn't be any source of funding for this proposal. She said the association knew they would need to have a funding proposal to go with this legislation, because they didn't want it to cost the state any money. Without the \$1 fee, would the state fund it?

REP. FELAND asked Ms. Felton if the counties outside of the 13 that are already automated, if the rest of the counties should be mandated to be automated in a certain length of time. Ms. Felton said there is presently a computer system that networks with the county clerk and recorder's office. Any motor vehicle functions that are presently done are split and diversified locally to the different government agencies. Any money that is transmitted to the agencies are than sent in on a state report, but the paper work is handled separately, i.e., sorted, filed and mailed. Once the state receives the paper work, they input into their system. She said that is where the time period is involved. She said there were time delays when it was months before the department could get their distributions and their collections balanced. She said the system is now working with the 13 counties, and seems to be very capable. She said the time is right to go on line to better serve the needs of the people. REP. FELAND asked if she would have a problem with the bill passing as is, by mandating the rest of the counties to go on-line. Ms. Felton said she wouldn't have any problems with the bill passing through that way.

CHAIRMAN STANG said in response to the \$1 fee and getting the counties onto the same computer system, would any of the state employees lose their jobs. Mr. Roberts said it would eliminate

some of the employees at Deer Lodge. Mr. Roberts said that 65% of the registrations done in Montana are on-line. The 13 counties account for that 65% of the total vehicle work done in the state. There are some counties that do less than 7% of the total volume of the state. He said when the counties come on-line, there will be an increase in training levels that will need to be provided to the counties. When everyone becomes linked there will be a need for trouble shooters, i.e., if someone calls the state because their printer is not working, they will need someone to trouble shoot it, by explaining to them what needs to be done to get it working again. Mr. Roberts thought there would be an addition of 5 to 7 employees to be used as trouble shooters when the counties are on-line.

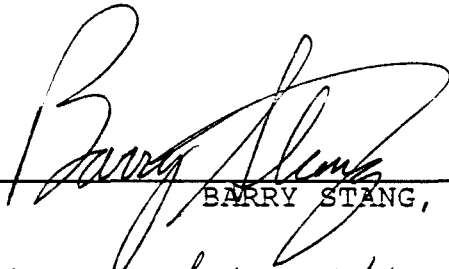
Closing by Sponsor:

REP. DRISCOLL said if HB 575 is passed, 1 to 2 employees will be laid off in every county. He suggested to the committee that if they go for the \$1 fee, that they increase the titling fee be raised from \$5 to \$6, and the \$10 license plate fee be changed to \$11.

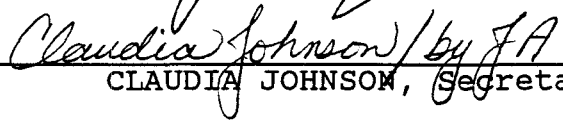
CHAIRMAN STANG announced that HB 575 and HB 579 will be placed into a subcommittee. REP. MCCULLOCH will chair, and REP. KNOX and CHAIRMAN STANG will be on the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:45 p.m.



BARRY STANG, Chair



CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

BS/cj

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

DATE 3-7-91

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
REP. FLOYD "BOB" GERVAIS, V.-CHAIR			
REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL	✓		
REP. ROBERT CLARK			✓
REP. JANE DEBRUYCKER	✓		
REP. ALVIN ELLIS, JR.	✓		
REP. GARY FELAND	✓		
REP. MIKE FOSTER	✓		
REP. PATRICK GALVIN	✓		
REP. DICK KNOX	✓		
REP. DON LARSON	✓		
REP. SCOTT MCCULLOCH	✓		
REP. JIM MADISON	✓		
REP. LINDA NELSON	✓		
REP. DON STEPLER	✓		
REP. HOWARD TOOLE	✓		
REP. ROLPH TUNBY	✓		
REP. BARRY "SPOOK" STANG, CHAIRMAN	✓		

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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. My name is Anita Drews, Chief Examiner for the Driver Services Bureau.

The Department requested the drafting of HB 568 to create express stations for driver license renewals and to provide continuing funding for the commercial licensing program.

To simplify the fee increases that are being requested I would like to address each increase separately.

The \$4.00 increase to the basic license cost is intended to provide a new express renewal service. The express station concept allows the person who wishes to renew to do so without delay, in a separate facility dedicated to the renewal process. As you are probably aware renewal delays are one of our major problems and the source of most of our complaints. Our budget requested funding to provide this service in the 8 major stations in the state, this request has been approved by the appropriation subcommittee. The funds provided from the \$4 increase will cover the cost of the request. The Bureau has experimented with express license stations in Great Falls and Billings. While the Great Falls station which is in a separate facility has been very successful, nearly eliminating waiting time for renewal applicants, the Billings station was set up in the same office space and met with several problems, mostly involving applicant confusion about which line to wait in. We feel that the express station concept will dramatically improve service in all of our larger stations while providing

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flexibility to answer unusual service needs in smaller communities. The staff increases will also allows us to reestablish service in several of the smaller counties. We had been forced to reduce or eliminate service in some of the least active stations in order to try to keep up with the increased workload statewide.

The increase requested for the Commercial Vehicle Operator's Endorsement is for the purposes of continuing the operation of the Commercial Vehicle program, and to provide required funding for the entry of each commercial driver into the automated national clearinghouse. This clearinghouse is a program established by the federal government which ~~contains~~ ^{contains} the records of all commercial drivers, and is required before a commercial license can be issued or renewed. Montana's commercial licensing program has been funded in large part through federal grants, as our operation is ~~small~~ ^{small} enough to operate within the available federal grants. As provided in the federal act, fiscal 1991's grant is the last federal grant available for the program. We have been aware of the grant limits all along, and the original request for legislation in 1987 was made with information provided to the highway committees of that session that funding the program would become a state responsibility. The continuance of the commercial licensing program is a state function and responsibility, with failure to do so resulting in the withholding of highway funds beginning with 5% in 1993, and 10% in years following thereafter as outlined in the federal legislation creating the program.

The \$8.00 fee increase requested for the Commercial license will provide the funding that is necessary to operate this program. For your information, I have a listing of commercial licensing costs from other states, this information shows that even with the proposed increase, Montana's fees are among the lowest in the nation..

There are other bills before this committee dealing with staffing requirements. These bills do not address either the express renewal concept or commercial licensing funding, and I would ask that you consider this bill separately. Regardless of the outcome of the other bills the increases requested in HB 568 are urgently needed.

CDL Costs in CDL-Issuing States

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<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Years CDL Valid</u>	<u>Costs For Drivers Needing Skills Test</u>		<u>Costs For Drivers Grandfathered From Skills Test</u>		<u>Total Cost Per Endorsement</u>
		<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Cost Per Year</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Cost Per Year</u>	
Alabama	4	\$ 50.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 12.50	No cost
Arizona	4	\$ 50.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.25	\$10.00
Arkansas	4	\$ 97.25	\$ 24.31	\$ 97.25	\$ 24.31	No cost
California	4	\$ 55.00	\$ 13.75	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.25	No cost
Delaware	5	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	No cost
Georgia	4	\$100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 5.00
Idaho	4	\$ 61.50	\$ 15.38	\$ 26.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 3.00
Illinois	4	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	No cost
Indiana	4	\$100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.25	No cost
Iowa	4	\$ 32.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.00
Maryland	4	\$ 60.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 4.00	No cost
Michigan	4	\$100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00
Minnesota	4	\$ 34.00	\$ 8.50	\$ 34.00	\$ 8.50	\$ 2.50
Montana	4	\$ 24.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 6.00	No cost
Nebraska		(Not Available)				
New Hampshire	4	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$10.00
North Carolina	4	\$ 60.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00
North Dakota	4	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.25	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.25	\$ 3.00
Ohio	4	\$ 75.00	\$ 18.75	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.25	No cost
Oregon	4	\$ 86.00	\$ 21.50	\$ 30.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 3.00
South Carolina	4	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.25	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.25	\$ 2.00
Tennessee	4	\$ 38.00	\$ 9.50	\$ 38.00	\$ 9.50	\$ 2.00
Texas	4	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	No cost
Utah	4	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 5.00
Virginia	5	\$ 35.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00
Washington	4	\$ 72.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 5.50	\$12.00
Average		\$ 56.39	\$ 13.97	\$ 34.57	\$ 8.51	\$ 5.17

Federal Highway Administration
Office of Motor Carriers

NOTES:

- ° Data as of October 1990. Subject to change as States refine their fees. Individual drivers in the above States may encounter slight variations in actual charges due to idiosyncratic fee structures. For example, drivers requiring learners' permits or not taking the endorsement tests in conjunction with the general knowledge test may have to pay a few dollars more in some States.
- ° Average endorsement cost is for States which charge for endorsements.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HB 568

INTRODUCED COPY

PAGE 4 LINE 18 FOLLOWING SECTION (1) ADD THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 2. SECTION 61-5-121, M.C.A. IS AMENDED TO READ:

"61-5-121. Disposition of fees. (1) The disposition of the fees from driver's licenses provided for in 61-5-111(7)(a), motorcycle endorsements provided for in 61-5-111(7)(b), commercial vehicle operator's endorsements provided for in 61-5-111(7)(c), and duplicate driver's licenses provided for in 61-5-114 is as follows:

(a) The amount of ~~33-1/3%~~ 25% of each driver's license fee and of each duplicate driver's license fee must be deposited into an account in the state special revenue fund. The department shall transfer the funds from this account to the Montana highway patrol officers' retirement pension trust fund as provided in 19-6-404. Funds transferred from the account are statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, to the pension trust fund.

(b) (i) If the fees are collected by a county treasurer or other agent of the department, the amount of ~~5%~~ 3.75% of each driver's license fee and of each duplicate driver's license fee must be deposited into the county general fund.

(ii) If the fees are collected by the department, the amount provided for in subsection (1)(b)(i) must be deposited into the state special revenue fund for use by the department to defray

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the costs of issuing licenses or duplicate licenses.

(c) (i) If the fee is collected by a county treasurer or other agent of the department, the amount of 5% of each motorcycle endorsement must be deposited into the county general fund.

(ii) If the fee is collected by the department, the amount provided for in subsection (1)(c)(i) must be deposited into the state special revenue fund for use by the department to defray the costs of issuing motorcycle endorsements.

(d) The amount of ~~23-1/3%~~ 17.5% of each driver's license fee and of each duplicate driver's license fee and the amount of 35% of each motorcycle endorsement fee must be deposited into the state traffic education account.

(e) The amount of ~~38-1/3%~~ 53.75% of each driver's license fee and of each duplicate driver's license fee and the amount of 60% of each motorcycle endorsement fee must be deposited into the state general fund.

(f) If the fee is collected by the county treasurer or other agent of the department, the amount of ~~5%~~ 3.75 of each commercial vehicle operator's endorsement fee must be deposited into the county general fund, otherwise all of the fee must be deposited in the state general fund.

(2) (a) If fees from driver's licenses, commercial vehicle operator's endorsements, motorcycle endorsements, and duplicate driver's licenses are collected by a county treasurer or other agent of the department, he shall deposit the amounts provided for in subsections (1)(b)(i) and (1)(c)(i) into the county

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general fund. He shall then remit to the state treasurer all remaining fees, together with a statement indicating what portion of each fee is to be deposited into the account in the state special revenue fund as provided in subsection (1)(a), the state traffic education account, and the state general fund. The state treasurer, upon receipt of the fees and statement, shall deposit the fees as provided in subsections (1)(a), (1)(d), (1)(e), and (1)(f).

(b) If fees from driver's licenses, commercial vehicle operator's endorsements, motorcycle endorsements, and duplicate driver's licenses are collected by the department, it shall remit all fees to the state treasurer, together with a statement indicating what portion of each fee is to be deposited into the account in the state special revenue fund as provided in subsection (1)(a), the state special revenue fund, the state traffic education account, and the state general fund. The state treasurer, upon receipt of the fees and statement, shall deposit the fees as provided in subsections (1)(a), (1)(b)(ii), (1)(c)(ii), (1)(d), (1)(e), and (1)(f)."

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HB 575

SUMMARY OF M.O.D.E.R.N. BILL

The key changes in the bill are to transfer registration and titling duties from the county treasurers to the motor vehicle division. This is accomplished by replacing the words county and county treasurer with the words department of justice or motor vehicle division. The bill also provides for an increase of all title and lien fees to a uniform \$10 to provide funding, and makes other minor changes in language needed to accommodate the transfer. These changes occur throughout the bill.

It might be noted that the increase in lien fees is supported by the Montana Banking Association, and the increases in lien and titling fees are, for the individual owner, essentially a one time fee paid only when a title is issued or changed.

Other substantive changes and their locations in the bill are as follows:

Section 13 pages 24 through 29 of the bill provides for the cancellation of a title or registration receipt which contains an error.

Section 19 pages 36 through 37 of the bill provide for 2 additional registration periods for vehicles in the staggered registration system (November and December) for more uniformity in workloads.

Section 31 on pages 50 through 57 of the bill provides a requirement that the owner of a vehicle who receives a registration renewal reminder which contains a system established value for the vehicle must return the re-registration request by mail.

Section 32 on pages 57 and 58 of the bill provides that the county treasurer determine the average levy county wide, that will be used to establish the taxes for vehicles taxed under the ad-valorem system.

Section 34 on pages 59 and 61 of the bill provides that a percentage figure based on residential real property within each taxing district to be used in distributing motor vehicle taxes.

Section 55 on page 81 of the bill provides methods for insuring that county treasurers motor vehicle employees are given opportunity to obtain positions within the motor vehicle division upon transition to the new system.

Section 50 on page 75 of the bill provides clarification of motor vehicle division office space, time of operation and location.

Section 51 on pages 75 through 78 of the bill provides methods and directions for handling the transition process between the various counties and the motor vehicle division.

Section 59 on page 97 of the bill provides for an effective date.

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MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT REVENUE/EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY, MONTANA

Prepared for the Montana House of Representatives - Highways Committee
March 1991

EXPENDITURES (FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND)

7 Revenue Clerks	\$107,552.
1/2 Admin. Clerk I	6,375.
1/3 Accounting Clerk III	5,100.
1 Revenue Clerk (Lead person)	14,993.
1 Accounting Clerk III	<u>14,900.</u>
	\$148,920.
Fringe Benefits	32,500.
Operations & Maintenance	<u>16,000.</u>
TOTAL COST	\$197,420

MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUES (TO COUNTY GENERAL FUND)

Assessments	\$35,000.
2.5% Light Vehicle	110,000.
Other Fees	<u>17,500.</u>
Total G.F. Revenue	\$162,500



Rosebud County Treasurer

Box 107

Forsyth, Montana 59327

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(406) 356-7607

March 6, 1991

Cort Harrington, Jr.
Legislative Lobbyist
Montana County Treasurers' Assoc.
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Cort:

Having studied HB 575, the State Assumption of Motor Vehicles, I find a number of problems that appear to be major problems.

The State would require reregistration by mail on light vehicles and "other" vehicles. In my experience with the current mail notification program, many of the cards are incorrect. If a truck qualifies for the 16% farm rate on their gross vehicle weight, they are charged at the 100% rate. While we clearly mark our registration receipts for tax exemption, either military or Native American, the renewal card comes with a light vehicle fee. We have recently received a number of cards where just the opposite is true and the light vehicle fee is missing even though the customer paid it the year before. The Registrar's data processing supervisor is unable to provide us with a reason for the error.

Anyone who sends an incorrect amount to the Department of Motor Vehicles under the state program will find their check and renewal card returned with instructions to renew in person. People do make mistakes on these more often than you would think. We call or write asking for more money if needed or make a refund if necessary.

I am very concerned about the lack of service to the taxpayer. Rosebud County is large and mostly rural. Because of time and distance, we try to accommodate our customers by mail whenever possible. This requires a lot of phone time and letter writing on our part, especially in handling title transfers by mail. It saves County residents from making a one hundred eight mile trip and a day from work.

I see no provision for mail service in this bill other than for cars and trucks. This leaves a trip to town for all title transfers and renewals of off-highway vehicles, boats, snowmobiles, travel trailers and motorhomes, motor homes, large trucks and special equipment, not to mention an application for any one of the numerous "special" plates available.

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The Department of Justice may destroy records of vehicles registrations that are inactive after 4 years. We are required to keep a record for 8 years and we do use them for our customers.

The County would have no record of a mobile home title transfer if there is no lien. Many people buy these homes without moving them so there would be no record permit for information.

People who have changed the anniversary dates on their vehicles at their request will be reshuffled to fit the Registrar's 12 month registration period plan. Many of these people are farmers and ranchers who want their vehicles renewed at the same time for convenience.

The bill says the County will furnish space to the Dept. of Justice if space is available. I note there is no provision to delay the County's expense.

If the Dept. found it necessary or chose to locate the office outside of the courthouse, they lose access to the Assessor. There are a number of references to having vehicles assessed in this bill.

There is no guarantee of a motor vehicle office being open 5 days a week nor is there a guarantee that every county will always have an office at all.

My biggest objection is revenue. This bill calls for the use of a "county-wide average levy". Rosebud County has 15 levy districts. This formula increases costs to the taxpayers in 9 of the 15 districts.

The bill calls for a distribution of funds based on the "relative proportion of residential real property taxes bill the previous year". This means that our rural school districts, who need every penny they can get, will receive very little revenue from motor vehicles. Colstrip, our "wealthy district" will receive the most.

The county will feel the loss from the other fees we now collect such as the license fee, our share of the personalized plates, 3% of the weed fee and 5% of the GWV and new use tax, as well as immediate interest from monies collected and deposited. With the restrictions of I-105, all non-tax revenues are important. The savings from laying off one of my employees will not make up the loss of these fees in addition to providing space for the Department's Motor Vehicle Division.

I appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Sharon Lincoln
Rosebud County Treasurer

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SCHOOL DISTRICT HB 575

1989 MASS RUM
TOTAL TAXES BILLED
(1989 FUND TABLES)

M.O.D.E.R.N. Distribution

1990 CALENDAR YEAR
MTR VEH TAXES COLLECTED
INCLUDES:
AV, FF, MC & 93% OF 2%
(1989 FUND TABLES)
CURRENT METHOD OF

PERCENT
OF TOTAL

SCHOOL NUMBER	DISTRICT NAME	1989 MASS RUM TOTAL TAXES BILLED (1989 FUND TABLES)	As Proposed	PERCENT OF TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	AV, FF, MC & 93% OF 2% (1989 FUND TABLES) CURRENT METHOD OF	PERCENT OF TOTAL
01	WEST VALLEY	530,410.16	59,048.77	1.6101%	-86,051.53	2.3464%
02	DEER PARK	155,720.44	17,335.79	0.4727%	-25,644.60	0.6993%
03	FAIRMONT EGAN	360,846.29	40,169.00	1.0953%	49,125.17	1.3395%
04	SWAN RIVER	395,852.34	44,067.46	1.2016%	56,290.28	1.5349%
05	KALISPELL RURAL	3,245,427.21	361,293.66	9.8152%	599,199.63	16.3386%
06	COL FALLS RURAL	4,489,418.57	499,778.26	13.6276%	473,342.89	12.3068%
08	WEST GLACIER	716,003.23	79,707.22	2.1734%	40,047.45	1.0920%
09	CRESTON	253,761.24	28,249.96	0.7703%	40,443.01	1.1028%
10	CAVUISE PRAIRIE	373,261.28	41,551.62	1.1330%	58,219.32	1.5875%
15	HELENA FLATS	265,152.71	29,518.88	0.8049%	91,386.14	2.4919%
20	KILA	407,484.95	45,362.04	1.2369%	50,748.68	1.3838%
26	SMITH VALLEY	134,242.99	14,944.64	0.4075%	37,639.99	1.0263%
27	PLEASANT VALLEY	111,567.54	12,421.47	0.3387%	3,880.74	0.1058%
28	SOMERS	837,545.95	93,293.92	2.5424%	133,903.18	3.6122%
30	LAKE SIDE	901,400.07	100,369.33	2.7368%	94,533.27	2.5777%
36	RIFORD RURAL	1,387,468.49	154,459.78	4.2117%	211,935.91	5.7789%
38	SMITH VALLEY	72,774.62	8,101.28	0.2209%	13,223.97	0.3606%
39	WHITEFISH RURAL	2,676,501.25	297,957.71	8.1245%	361,499.64	9.8571%
44	WHITEFISH RURAL	42,241.65	4,701.60	0.1282%	1,988.90	0.0542%
48	ROUSSELLE (SOMERS SD 29)	1,630,912.07	181,558.18	4.9566%	251,331.24	6.8531%
50	EVERGREEN	505,389.33	56,261.54	1.5341%	42,066.60	1.1470%
53	MARION	285,791.23	31,814.67	0.8675%	34,642.95	0.9446%
58	OLNEY-BISSELL	137,758.78	15,814.67	0.4182%	19,605.87	0.5346%
62	MOUNTAIN BROOK	89,773.90	9,993.66	0.2725%	2,172.15	0.0592%
69	KUHNS (OLNEY/BISS SD #58)	2,605,498.64	290,054.46	7.9090%	204,195.85	5.5679%
74	WHITEFISH CITY	8,717,784.65	970,496.05	26.4628%	575,747.13	15.6991%
75	KALISPELL CITY	1,613,346.12	179,603.45	4.8973%	108,531.47	2.9594%
76	COL FALLS CITY					

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Blatthead County Treasurer

IDELLA SMITHERS
County Treasurer

800 South Main
Kalispell, Mont. 59901
(406) 752-5300

Motor Vehicle Ext. 272
Court House Off. Ext. 219

1990 MOTOR VEHICLE STATISTICS

	Cash Receipts	# of Units
Pass Cars	\$2,090,796.75	33,356
Pickups	1,042,200.18	20,209
Trucks	202,719.62	2,021
Trvl Trailers	65,030.00	2,519
Util Trailers	117,855.98	9,001
Snowmobiles	24,149.00	1,290
Boats	130,250.20	6,366
Motorhomes	89,201.38	1,022
Pickup Campers	13,695.00	576
Motorcycles	34,067.86	1,920
Off Highway Veh	5,896.70	565
SM's	70,844.56	308
TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED	\$3,886,707.23	79,153
Less 7% of 2%	- 219,309.79	
TOTAL TAXES DISTRIBUTED	\$3,667,397.44	
New Use Tax		
Cars	\$ 339,819.21	1,673
Trucks	185,307.89	967
Motorcycles	2,985.29	67
Motorhomes	16,500.36	28
Total New Use Tax	\$ 544,612.75	2,735
TOTAL # OF UNITS LICENSED		81,888
Reg. Fees	\$ 358,858.36	71,772
Lien Fees	30,144.00	7,536
Title Fees	116,731.00	23,458
Plate Fees	538,783.82	N/A
Pers. Plates	62,579.75	4,266
Centennial Plates	3,113.04	136
Rec, Reg, Decals	20,275.00	N/A
60 Day Stickers	4,434.00	2,217
Junk Vehicle Transfers	24,076.00	16,051
Junk Vehicle Re-reg	29,720.00	59,440
GVW	415,339.86	N/A
Noxious Weed	96,620.50	64,597
7% of 2% Dist. Court	219,309.79	N/A
Single Trips	25.00	5
SM's	1,540.00	308
Late Fees	10,990.00	1,099
Postage	10,402.34	N/A
Highway Patrol Ret	17,953.50	71,806
Motorcycle Safety	4,705.00	1,882
TOTAL FEES	\$1,965,600.96	

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES AND FEES - \$6,177,611.15

Total Motor Vehicle Taxes and Fees Paid to State - \$1,617,985.35 = 26.19%

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NO	DIST	TOTAL COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE COLLECTIONS FOR 1990	1990 ACTUAL MOTOR VEHICLE DISTRIBUTION TO EACH DISTRICT	%	1990 TAXES BILLED		% OF TAXES BILLED	AMOUNT OF MV FEES		GAIN OR LOSS TO EACH LAKE COUNTY DISTRICT
					ON RESIDENTIAL PR	ON STATE PROPOSAL		DISTRIB TO EACH DISTRICT BASED	%	
1	7CF	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 45,757.23	4.281%	\$ 123,380.41	\$ 25,222.17	2.360%	\$ 25,222.17	-1.921%	\$ (20,535.06)
2	7NR	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 9,033.59	0.845%	\$ 26,086.29	\$ 5,332.72	0.499%	\$ 5,332.72	-0.346%	\$ (3,700.87)
3	8	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 45,793.57	4.284%	\$ 114,204.20	\$ 23,346.31	2.184%	\$ 23,346.31	-2.100%	\$ (22,447.26)
4	14/57	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 3,573.02	0.334%	\$ 13,067.56	\$ 2,671.35	0.250%	\$ 2,671.35	-0.084%	\$ (901.67)
5	14/71	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 1,389.38	0.130%	\$ 3,652.46	\$ 746.66	0.070%	\$ 746.66	-0.060%	\$ (542.72)
6	22	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 10,217.59	0.956%	\$ 31,586.93	\$ 6,457.19	0.604%	\$ 6,457.19	-0.352%	\$ (3,760.40)
7	23	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 4,461.98	0.417%	\$ 35,407.64	\$ 7,238.24	0.677%	\$ 7,238.24	0.260%	\$ 2,776.26
8	23PC	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 31,513.67	2.948%	\$ 399,950.11	\$ 81,760.22	7.650%	\$ 81,760.22	4.701%	\$ 50,246.55
9	23PR	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 192,967.48	18.054%	\$ 969,027.42	\$ 198,094.45	18.534%	\$ 198,094.45	0.480%	\$ 5,126.97
10	23MC	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 57,669.96	5.396%	\$ 600,175.78	\$ 122,691.57	11.479%	\$ 122,691.57	6.083%	\$ 65,021.61
11	28MF	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 74,568.44	6.977%	\$ 223,566.33	\$ 45,702.78	4.276%	\$ 45,702.78	-2.701%	\$ (28,865.66)
12	30	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 170,026.06	15.908%	\$ 419,782.73	\$ 85,814.53	8.029%	\$ 85,814.53	-7.879%	\$ (84,211.53)
13	30NC	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 11,442.34	1.071%	\$ 93,950.96	\$ 19,206.02	1.797%	\$ 19,206.02	0.726%	\$ 7,763.68
14	32	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 35,063.69	3.281%	\$ 274,690.08	\$ 56,153.81	5.254%	\$ 56,153.81	1.973%	\$ 21,090.12
15	33	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 45,281.00	4.237%	\$ 423,404.90	\$ 86,554.99	8.098%	\$ 86,554.99	3.862%	\$ 41,273.99
16	35	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 9,777.61	0.915%	\$ 31,408.05	\$ 6,420.62	0.501%	\$ 6,420.62	-0.314%	\$ (3,356.99)
17	38	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 64,203.35	6.007%	\$ 488,619.37	\$ 99,886.53	9.345%	\$ 99,886.53	3.339%	\$ 35,683.18
18	73SF	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 13,129.85	1.228%	\$ 81,736.18	\$ 16,709.00	1.563%	\$ 16,709.00	0.355%	\$ 3,579.15
19	73	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 12,446.11	1.164%	\$ 55,459.64	\$ 11,337.40	1.061%	\$ 11,337.40	-0.104%	\$ (1,108.71)
20	23P	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 147,085.71	13.761%	\$ 563,023.59	\$ 115,096.69	10.769%	\$ 115,096.69	-2.993%	\$ (31,989.02)
21	28M	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 22,945.81	2.147%	\$ 65,659.39	\$ 13,422.49	1.256%	\$ 13,422.49	-0.891%	\$ (9,523.32)
22	30R	\$1,068,825.81	\$ 60,478.37	5.658%	\$ 190,582.63	\$ 38,960.05	3.645%	\$ 38,960.05	-2.013%	\$ (21,518.32)
TOTAL		\$1,068,825.81	\$ 1,068,825.81	100.000%	\$ 5,228,422.67	\$ 1,068,825.81	100.000%	\$ 1,068,825.81	0.000%	\$ (0.00)

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Cascade County

State of Montana

TELEPHONE: (406) 761-6700

Great Falls, Montana 59401

School District	Actual Distr.	H.B. #575	Difference
1C Great Falls	2,619,072.20	2,246,463.37	-372,608.83
1-	297,559.41	520,065.01	222,505.60
1X	6,294.72	39,647.83	33,353.11
1XX	43,354.24	53,597.87	10,243.63
29C Belt	25,596.36	16,478.46	-9,117.90
29-	42,340.63	67,978.27	25,637.64
29A	6,513.77	47,085.16	40,571.39
29X	4,118.86	8,008.92	3,890.06
29XX	14,640.46	29,739.24	15,098.78
29B Neihart	1,712.63	5,964.66	4,252.03
3C Cascade	35,647.51	18,428.58	-17,218.93
3-	45,037.13	62,793.66	17,756.53
3XX	4,914.90	20,351.79	15,436.89
5	49,035.99	34,762.46	-14,273.53
5X	2,424.29	151.31	-2,272.98
5XX	7,397.90	22,725.55	15,327.65
5A	203.20	121.05	-82.15
55X	43,610.53	41,413.02	-2,197.51
55XX	32,472.57	36,826.89	4,354.32
74	49,204.84	49,321.06	116.22
85	24,035.14	26,400.51	2,365.37
95	<u>7,077.34</u>	<u>13,939.95</u>	<u>6,862.61</u>
Totals	3,362,264.62	3,362,264.62	---

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County of Yellowstone



ASSESSOR

BILLINGS, MONTANA

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Feb. 15, 1991

The 52nd Legislature
State of Montana
Capitol Building
Helena, Mt. 59620

RE: H.B. 575

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter will serve as formal notice that the Montana Assessors' Association opposes House Bill 575 per verbal testimony by Ms. Cele Pohle, Powell County Assessor and Mr. Chuck Krause, Silver Bow County Assessor. This decision was made at our annual meeting in August, 1990. We feel that an already over-burdened Driver's License Bureau could not effectively handle motor vehicle registration. We also feel that the method prescribed by H.B. 575 relating to the levying of the fee in lieu of tax was not appropriate or adequate.

We would like to hereby support House Bill 579 as it favorably addresses the inherent problems in registration renewing, County automation, extended renewal periods and the collection of taxes.

Sincerely,


MAX R. LENINGTON
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY ASSESSOR

FOR: THE MONTANA ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION

ML:MAA

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On behalf of the Montana Assessors Association, I am expressing our concern and opposition to House Bill 575. While the setting up of Vin Inspection Stations with the ultimate goal of identifying stolen automobiles is an excellent idea and should be pursued, registering and titling of motor vehicles should not be taken away from local County Treasurers offices.

If House Bill 575 should become law, all the fees and taxes collected will be given back to each district in the counties based on the percentage of the total monies collected the district had the previous year. Also, in the case where the motor vehicles are taxed using a particular mill levy, this bill dictates that an average of all mill levies in every district of a county will be used to tax these vehicles. In both of these instances, this is extremely unfair because some districts will receive more money than they otherwise would, while others will receive less.

Also, the equipment located on some licensed vehicles is now being taxed, but in House Bill 575 this is not addressed and therefore will no longer be taxed. Realizing that all counties in the state are struggling and seem to lose additional tax monies every year, we do not feel that our counties should suffer additional loss of revenue simply because this equipment is not being taxed. Is it fair to other taxpayers in the state that must pay the full amount of tax or fee for their vehicles, when the ones with equipment on the back will not be taxed for that equipment? We think not.

Another concern that we have is that there will be some small counties in the state that will end up not having a place to get their license in their county, simply because the size of the county won't warrant a full time staff and they will have to go to another county to get their license. While it is the intent of House Bill 575 that taxpayers would be encouraged to mail in for their license, the majority of people will not do that. They would rather come and get their license in person, as they do now. Under the present system, the Treasurer is now there full time carrying out the duties of the office, including the issuing of licenses, and the taxpayer is not inconvenienced in any way.

It seems the best thing to do in our opinion is to get the current system on line in all counties, get the bugs out that now cause incorrect information sometimes to appear (or not appear) on the cards mailed to the taxpayer, and keep it under local government control and operation.

Chuck Krause
CHUCK KRAUSE, SECRETARY
MONTANA ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION

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On behalf of the Powell County Commissioners and myself, I am expressing concern and opposition to House Bill 575.

House Bill 575 should not become law. The original intent to pursue vin inspection stations for the identification of stolen vehicles and for a salvage title should still be a goal. However, the County Treasurer's office should remain the primary control agent for the registering and licensing of vehicles at the county level

On-line county systems with the Registrars office in Deer Lodge should be placed in all the counties instead of only 13. We believe that this will solve the registering and titling problems that are now present.

In our county, we cannot see that we would have a reduction of staff because of H.B 575 being implemented. The treasurer's staff was reduced four years ago because of lack of funds. The current staff would remain and continue with other duties.

We do not believe that an average of the mill levies in our county will benefit all the school districts. Some school districts will lose and some will gain.

The concept that all taxpayers will license their vehicles via the mail is unrealistic. This year our county is only seeing maybe one percent mail-in registration. The problem of current addresses on the cards really hasn't been addressed. The additional fee for coming into the courthouse to register a vehicle is not fair but rather a penalty.

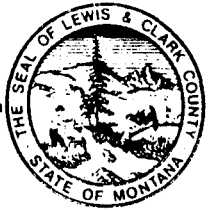
The County Commissioners and other taxpayers in our county have questioned the need for the growth of state government and state control when control should remain at the county level as it has been for years.

Thank You



Cele Pohle
Powell County Assessor

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Calculation of
Average Mill Levy

Elem Sch Dist	Mill Levy	Current Method or Distrib	NV Taxable Value	Tax Val times Aver	Difference in amount Collected	Real Estate Percentage	Distribution Under new method	Total Difference
1	0.11929	\$113,241.24	\$949,229.52	\$71,141.46	42,100.48	0.1986	85,069.69	(29,111.52)
1-out	0.11929					0.0698	29,899.61	29,899.61
2	0.09333	8,689.00	93,089.04	6,976.19	1,711.81	0.0271	11,608.20	2,900.20
2c	0.09333					0.0019	913.86	913.86
3	0.11802	29,536.39	250,269.89	18,755.18	10,781.20	0.0460	19,703.99	(9,917.41)
3c	0.11802					0.0007	299.91	299.91
4	0.07700	2,249.91	29,166.76	2,189.76	60.05	0.0083	3,555.29	1,304.11
4	0.11167	20,750.71	185,821.71	13,925.66	6,825.05	0.0130	5,568.61	(15,193.20)
4-out	0.11167					0.0449	19,232.77	19,232.77
13	0.02796	1,053.33	37,672.75	2,823.23	(1,769.90)	0.0025	1,070.87	11.54
25	0.02846	225.20	7,913.96	593.00	(367.80)	0.0033	1,413.54	1,109.24
27	0.00427	5.30	1,241.22	93.02	(87.72)	0.0001	42.92	47.52
38	0.04461	3,636.86	81,525.67	6,109.62	(2,472.76)	0.0144	6,168.19	2,531.23
45	0.07280	3,618.22	49,700.82	3,724.53	(106.41)	0.0096	4,112.13	493.21
HS district 1	0.06668	103,569.24	1,553,228.25	116,400.48	(12,831.22)	0.2524	108,114.74	4,515.14
38	0.02503	2,040.59	81,525.77	6,109.62	(4,069.03)	0.0081	3,469.61	1,109.07
45	0.02526	1,311.79	52,723.28	3,951.14	(2,619.35)	0.0042	1,799.06	467.21
County	0.07979	120,586.16	1,511,294.15	113,257.89	7,328.27	0.1968	84,298.66	(36,287.50)
Helena	0.08059	62,511.67	775,675.27	58,129.88	4,381.79	0.0921	39,450.74	(23,060.92)
East Helena	0.08175	4,548.98	55,645.02	4,170.09	378.89	0.0063	2,699.59	(1,850.33)
subtotal		477,590.20	5,715,787.57	425,346.84	49,243.36	1.0001	428,399.6709	(49,200.50)
AVRGR Mill levy	0.074941							
State Mills	0.018	30,374.49						
Sch Co-wide levies	0.08754	147,721.75	no change in collection or distribution					
VoTech	0.0015	2,531.22						
Subtotals		658,217.76						

Tax Val Times Average Mill

428,346.84

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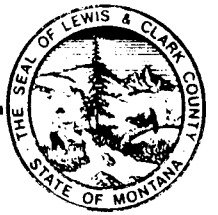
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Elem Sch Dist	Mill Levy	Current Method of Distrib	NV Taxable Value	Tax Val times Aver	Difference in amount collected	Real Esta Percentag	Distribution Under new method	Total Difference
1	0.11929	473,644.30	3,970,528.12	297,555.35	176,088.95	0.1986	307,249.24	(166,395.06)
1-out	0.11929					0.0698	107,985.88	107,985.88
2	0.09333	29,843.30	319,761.06	23,963.21	5,880.09	0.0271	41,925.75	12,082.45
2c	0.09333					0.0019	2,939.44	2,939.44
3	0.11802	58,308.95	494,059.91	37,025.34	21,283.61	0.0460	71,165.48	12,856.53
3c	0.11802					0.0007	1,082.95	1,082.95
4	0.07700	8,532.68	110,814.03	8,304.51	228.17	0.0083	12,840.73	4,308.05
9	0.11167	68,394.56	612,470.31	45,899.14	22,495.42	0.0130	20,111.98	(48,282.55)
9-out	0.11167					0.0449	69,463.70	69,463.70
13	0.02796	2,450.23	87,633.40	6,567.33	(4,117.10)	0.0025	3,867.69	1,417.46
25	0.02846	707.72	24,867.18	1,863.57	(1,155.85)	0.0033	5,105.35	4,397.63
27	0.00427	16.67	3,903.98	292.57	(275.90)	0.0001	154.71	138.04
38	0.04461	9,517.89	213,357.77	15,989.24	(6,471.35)	0.0144	22,277.89	12,760.00
45	0.07280	8,681.04	119,245.05	8,936.34	(255.30)	0.0096	14,851.93	6,170.89
HS district 1	0.06668	374,750.55	5,620,134.22	421,178.48	(46,427.93)	0.2524	390,481.91	15,731.36
38	0.02503	5,340.35	213,357.97	15,989.26	(10,648.91)	0.0081	12,531.31	7,190.96
45	0.02526	3,218.75	127,424.78	9,549.34	(6,330.59)	0.0042	6,497.72	3,278.97
County	0.07979	416,282.04	5,217,220.70	390,983.74	25,298.30	0.1968	304,464.50	(111,817.54)
Helena	0.08059	267,393.82	3,317,952.85	248,650.70	18,743.12	0.0921	142,485.67	(124,908.15)
East Helena	0.08175	15,629.35	191,184.71	14,327.57	1,301.78	0.0063	9,746.58	(5,882.77)
subtotal		1,742,712.20	20,643,916.06	1,547,075.71	195,636.49	1.0001	1,547,230.42	(195,481.778)
AVERAGE Mill levy	0.074941							
State Mills	0.018	107,296.50						
Sch Co-wide levies	0.08754	521,818.66	no change in collection or distribution					
VoTech	0.0015	8,941.38						
Subtotals		3,280,768.74						

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1,547,075.71

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1	0.11929		\$113,241.94	\$99,299.52	\$71,141.46	0.1986	85,069.68	(28,172.74)
1-out	0.11929					0.0698	29,898.61	29,898.61
2	0.09333	8,689.00	93,089.04	6,976.19	1,711.81	0.0271	11,608.20	2,900.00
2c	0.09333					0.0019	913.96	913.96
3	0.11802	29,536.48	250,265.89	18,755.18	10,781.20	0.0460	19,703.95	(9,947.47)
3c	0.11802					0.0007	299.94	299.94
4	0.07700	2,245.81	79,166.46	2,185.76	60.05	0.0083	3,555.09	1,309.41
9	0.11167	20,750.71	185,821.71	13,925.66	6,825.05	0.0130	5,548.51	(15,187.20)
9-out	0.11167					0.0449	19,232.77	19,232.77
13	0.02796	1,053.33	37,672.75	2,823.23	(1,769.90)	0.0025	1,070.97	10.51
25	0.02846	275.20	7,915.86	593.00	(367.80)	0.0033	1,413.54	1,148.54
27	0.00427	5.00	1,241.22	93.02	(87.72)	0.0001	42.83	37.91
39	0.04461	3,636.86	81,525.67	6,109.62	(2,472.76)	0.0144	6,169.19	2,531.31
45	0.07280	3,618.22	49,700.82	3,724.63	(106.41)	0.0096	4,112.13	493.97
HS district 1	0.06668	103,569.26	1,553,228.25	116,400.48	(12,831.22)	0.2524	108,114.74	4,514.41
38	0.02503	2,040.59	81,525.77	6,109.62	(4,069.03)	0.0081	3,469.61	1,479.07
45	0.02526	1,331.79	52,123.28	3,951.14	(2,619.35)	0.0042	1,799.06	461.71
County	0.07979	120,586.16	1,511,294.15	113,257.89	< 7,328.27 >	0.1968	84,298.66	(36,297.50)
Helena	0.08059	62,511.67	775,675.27	58,129.88	4,381.79	0.0921	39,450.74	(23,060.93)
East Helena	0.08175	4,548.98	55,645.02	4,170.09	378.89	0.0063	2,698.59	(1,850.39)
subtotal		477,590.30	5,715,787.57	479,346.84	< 49,243.36 >	1.0001	428,389.6708	(49,200.51)
AVBRAGR Mill levy	0.074941							
State Mills	0.018	30,374.59						
Sch Co-wide levies	0.08754	147,721.75	no change in collection or distribution					
VoTech	0.0015	2,571.22						
Subtotals		658,217.76						

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1	0.11929	473,644.30	3,970,528.12	297,555.35	176,088.95	0.1986	307,249.24	(166,395.06)
1-out	0.11929					0.0698	107,985.88	107,985.88
2	0.09333	29,843.30	319,761.06	23,963.21	5,880.09	0.0271	41,925.75	12,082.45
2c	0.09333					0.0019	2,939.44	2,939.44
3	0.11802	58,308.95	494,059.91	37,025.34	21,283.61	0.0460	71,165.48	12,856.53
3c	0.11802					0.0007	1,082.95	1,082.95
4	0.07700	8,532.68	110,814.03	8,304.51	228.17	0.0083	12,840.73	4,308.05
9	0.11167	68,394.56	612,470.31	45,899.14	22,495.42	0.0130	20,111.98	(48,282.58)
9-out	0.11167					0.0449	69,463.70	69,463.70
13	0.02796	2,450.23	87,633.40	6,567.33	(4,117.10)	0.0025	3,867.69	1,417.46
25	0.02846	707.72	24,867.18	1,863.57	(1,155.85)	0.0033	5,105.35	4,397.63
27	0.00427	16.67	3,903.98	292.57	(275.90)	0.0001	154.71	138.04
38	0.04461	9,517.89	213,357.77	15,989.24	(6,471.35)	0.0144	22,277.89	12,760.00
45	0.07280	8,681.04	119,245.05	8,936.34	(255.30)	0.0096	14,851.93	6,170.89
HS distrit 1	0.06668	374,750.55	5,620,134.22	421,178.48	(46,427.93)	0.2524	390,481.91	15,731.36
38	0.02503	5,340.35	213,357.97	15,989.26	(10,648.91)	0.0081	12,531.31	7,190.96
45	0.02526	3,218.75	127,424.78	9,549.34	(6,330.59)	0.0042	6,497.72	3,278.97
County	0.07979	416,282.04	5,217,220.70	390,983.74	25,298.30	0.1968	304,464.50	(111,817.54)
Helena	0.08059	267,393.82	3,317,952.85	248,650.70	18,743.12	0.0921	142,485.67	(124,908.15)
East Helena	0.08175	15,629.35	191,184.71	14,327.57	1,301.78	0.0063	9,746.58	(5,882.77)
subtotal		1,742,712.20	20,643,916.06	1,547,075.71	195,636.49	1.0001	1,547,230.42	(195,481.7789)
AVERAGE Mill levy	0.074941							
State Mills	0.018	107,296.50						
Sch Co-wide levies	0.08754	521,818.66	no change in collection or distribution					
Vofech	0.0015	8,941.38						
Subtotals		2,380,768.74						

Tax Val Times Average Mill 1,547,075.71

WITNESS STATEMENT

EXHIBIT 14
DATE 3-7-91
HB 575

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 7 day of MARCH, 1991.

Name: SUSAN M Miller Jefferson Co TREASURER

Address: Box 287 Box 16
Boulder MT 59632

Telephone Number: 225.4251

Representing whom?

TREASURER ASSOCIATION

Appearing on which proposal?

HB 575

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose? X

Comments:

As written: to many mandatory changes without consideration to the public wants & needs. Mandatory mail in renewals is ridiculous ^{or inconvenient} change in how \$ is currently distributed makes no sense & would be costly to the school & special districts currently supported by Treasurer's Personal Tax Distribution we should not have to come up with a % basis. It doesn't appear that Gross Vehicle Weight renewals has been considered. If amended to work with TREAS ASSOC. & go to STATE wide computer system remaining at County level it may be

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY something to look at for future years But NOT AS it is now.

THE TREASURER'S currently
check all incoming titles
& try to make sure they are accurate
to provide fast transfers -

We contact dealers when there
is problems will the STATE
provide this SERVICE

AMENDMENTS TO HB579
MONTANA COUNTY TREASURERS ASSOCIATION

1. Page 6 line 14

Following: "statement"

Strike: ", stating"

Insert: "that"

Following: "applicant"

Strike: ",stating"

Insert: "is in"

2. Amend 61-3-101 MCA as follows:

61-3-101. Duties of department — records. (1) The department shall keep a record as hereinafter specified of all motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers of every kind, and of certificates of registration and ownership thereof, and of all dealers in motor vehicles.

(2) ~~In the case of motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers, the~~ The record shall must show the following:

(a) name of owner, residence address by street or rural route, town, and county, and ~~business address~~ mailing address if different than residence address;

(b) name and address of conditional sales vendor, mortgagee, or other lienholder and amount due under contract or lien;

(c) manufacturer of car;

(d) manufacturer's designation of style of car or vehicle;

(e) Identifying number;

(f) year of manufacture;

(g) character of motive power and shipping weight of car as shown by the manufacturer;

(h) the distinctive license number assigned to the vehicle;

(i) if a truck or trailer, the number of tons' capacity or GVW if imprinted on manufacturer's identification plate;

(j) such other information as may from time to time be found desirable.

(3) The department shall file applications for registration received by it from the county treasurers of the state and register the vehicles therein described and the owners thereof in suitable books or on index cards, as follows:

(a) under the distinctive license number assigned to the vehicle by the county treasurer;

(b) alphabetically under the name of the owner;

(c) numerically under make and identifying number of the vehicle;

(d) such other index of registration as the department considers expedient.

(4) Vehicle registration records and indexes and driver's license records and indexes may be maintained by electronic recording and storage media.

(5) In the case of dealers, the records shall show the information contained in the application for dealer's license as required by 61-4-101 through 61-4-105, as well as the distinctive license number assigned to the dealer.

(6) In order to prevent an accumulation of unneeded records and files, the department shall have the authority and it shall be its duty to destroy all records and files

which have ceased to be of any value.

(7) The department may establish and maintain a short-wave radio station in order to report motor vehicle registration information to the highway patrol, to sheriffs, and to the chiefs of police of each incorporated city of the state who are able to communicate with such short-wave radio station.

(8) All records shall be open to inspection during all reasonable business hours, and the department shall furnish any information from the records upon payment by the applicant of the cost of transcribing the information requested.

3. Amend 61-3-202 MCA as follows:

61-3-202. Certificate of ownership — issuance — contents — joint ownership. (1) Upon completion of the application for certificate of ownership, on forms furnished by the department, the county treasurer shall forward one copy of the application to the department, which shall enter the information contained in the application upon the corresponding records of its office and, except as provided in 61-3-103(1) and 61-3-201(2) concerning applications by creditors or secured parties, shall furnish the applicant a certificate of ownership subject to the provisions of 61-3-103.

(2) The certificate of ownership shall contain upon the face thereof:

(a) the date issued;

(b) the name and ~~complete~~ mailing and residence address or addresses of the owner or the names and addresses of joint owners;

(c) except as provided in 61-3-103, the name and complete address of any holder of a perfected security interest in the registered vehicle;

(d) a description of the registered vehicle, including the year built and serial number;

(e) except as provided in 61-3-103, the filing date of any lien against such motor vehicle; and

(f) such other statement of facts as may be determined by the department.

(3) When the names and addresses of more than one owner who are members of the same immediate family are listed on the certificate of ownership, joint ownership with right of survivorship, and not as tenants in common, is presumed.

(4) Upon receipt of the application, the department shall recheck the application. If there is any error in the application it may be returned to the county treasurer to effectively secure the correction of such error, who shall return the same to the department.

(5) The certificate of ownership shall contain a notice to the department of a transfer of interest of the owner and such other statements as may be determined by the department.

EXHIBIT 16
DATE 3-7-91
HB 57

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 7 day of MAR, 1991.

Name: SUSAN M MILLER

Address: Box H TREASURER JEFFERSON C
BOULDER MT 59632

Telephone Number: 225-4251

Representing whom?
TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION

Appearing on which proposal?
~~579~~ 579

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:
TREASURER'S WORK WITH MOTOR VEHICLES
HEAR PUBLIC CONCERNS, & ARE AWARE
OF CHANGES THAT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS
EXPANDING TO 12 MONTH RENEWAL PERIODS
RENEWAL CARD ON ALL REGISTERED VEHICLES
COMMON EFFECTIVE DATE OF JAN 1 ON
ALL LAWS PERTINENT TO MOTOR VEHICLES
& A STATE WIDE COUNTY LEVEL
COMPUTER SYSTEM WOULD HELP THE
CURRENT SYSTEM WITHOUT MAJOR
OVERHAUL

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Highways
 DATE 3-7-91 COMMITTEE _____ BILL NO. HB 568
 SPONSOR(S) Rep. Jim Rice
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NAME AND ADDRESS	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Susan M Miller Boulder	JEFFERSON CO TREAS		X
Katricia A. Miller U.C.	Madison County Treas		X
Lorraine Hamilton	Butler Co Treas		X
Marlene Steyer Fischer	Boulder County Treas.		X
Roskicia Cook	Baker County Treas		X
Janice L. Bowen	Granite Co Treas		X
Billye Ann Bricker	Mineral Co. Treasurer		X
Kathy Allard	Beaverhead Co Treasurer		X
DAILENE H. WillHITE	Sanders Co. Treasurer		X
Jeanie Pinkley	Sanders Co Title Clerk		X
Freda Branner	Broadwater Co Treas		X
DIANA L. FELTON	TOOLE Co. TREASURER		X
Susan Spurgeon	Fergus Co Treasurer		X
Shirley Grubb	Blaine Co. Treasurer		X

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Highways COMMITTEE BILL NO. HB 568
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NAME AND ADDRESS	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Walter M. Rogers, Denton	Powell Co. Treas		X
Arthur Kleinjan	Blaine Co Comm		X
Keith Benson	Blaine Co. Comm		X
Dunn Today	Driver Services Bor	X	
Greta Drews	Drews Service	X	
Curt LAINGEN	MT MOTOR CARRIER'S ASSN	X	

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Highway COMMITTEE BILL NO. HB 515
DATE 3-7-91 SPONSOR(S) Rep. O'Keefe
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NAME AND ADDRESS	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Susan M Miller ^{Boulder}	Jefferson Co.		X
Lorraine Hamilton	Big Horn Co		X
Madame Stuebel Fischer	Bonanza County Treasurer		X
Patricia Cook	Baker Co Treasurer		X
Patricia A Miller	Madison Co treasurer		X
Kathy Allard	Beaverhead Co Treasurer		X
Fleda Brammer	Broadwater Co Treas.		X
Janice L. Bowen	Granite Co Treas		X
Billye Ann Bricker	Mineral Co. Treasurer		X
MARY KAY BROWNING	RAVALLI CO. TREAS.		X
DIANA L. FELTON	TOOLE CO. TREAS.		X
Darlene H Willhite	Sanders Co. Treasurer		X
Jeanie PINKNEY	Sanders Co. Treasurer		X
Susan Spurgeon	Fergus Co Treasurer		X

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Always COMMITTEE BILL NO. HB 579
DATE 3-7-91 SPONSOR(S) Rep. W. Driscoll

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NAME AND ADDRESS	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Susan M Miller Boulder	Jefferson, Treas	X	
Lorraine Hamilton	Big Horn Co Treas	X	
Marianne Hochstetler	Borders County Treas.	X	
Patricia A. Miller	Treas Madison City	X	
Janice L. Bowen	Treas Granite Co	X	
Patricia Cook	Rabe Co Treasurer	X	
Kathy Allard	Beaverhead Co Treasurer	X	
Billie Ann Bricker	Mineral Co. Treasurer	X	
MARY KAY BROWNING	RAVALLI Co. TREASURER	X	
Fleda Brammer	Broadwater Co Treas	X	
Darlene H. White	Sanders Co. Treasurer.	X	
DIANA L. FELTON	TOOLE Co. TREASURER	X	
Jeanie Pinkley	Sander Co. Title Cl. A	X	
SUSAN SPURGEON	Fergus Co Treasurer	X	

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Highway Improvement COMMITTEE

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BILL NO. HB 579

DATE 3-7-91

SPONSOR Rep. Russell

NAME (please print)	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Kim Harris	W.C. Co Treas	X	
Shelley Grubb	Blaine Co Treas.	X	
Bill Pottle	Powell Co Assessor	X	
Dalene M. Rogers	Powell Co. Treas.	X	
Chuck Krause	Shoshone Co Assessor	X	
Kevin Bryan	Yellowstone County	X	
Arthur Klenjian	Blaine Co Comm	X	
Jalene Witt	MHCD Pres of Chouteau Co Comm	X	
Ketra Benson	Blaine County, Comm.	X	
Carl Harrington	County Treasur Ass	X	
Dick Mechelet	Lincoln County Treasur	X	
Mike Furrer	DOA / ISD		X

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