

1 House BILL NO. 55
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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 31-75

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 14, 1975, 1975, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 55 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:

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ASSUMPTIONS:

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3. Total state taxable valuation will be \$1.260 billion in FY 76 and \$1.335 billion in FY 77.
4. No additional administrative costs will be incurred.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Table with 3 columns: FISCAL IMPACT, FY 76, FY 77. Row: Increased tax collections for library purposes, \$ 1.260 million, \$1.335 million

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BUDGET DIRECTOR

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Date: January 17, 1975

Approved by Committee
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