

1 *House*
 2 *Kilde* BILL NO. *362*
 3 INTRODUCED BY *Kilde, by request*

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 215-75

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 11, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 362 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:

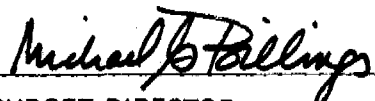
An act to change the maximum weekly Workmen's Compensation benefits for partial disability from \$60 per week to one-half the state's average weekly wage.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Workmen's Compensation payments for partial disability will be made from the Workmen's Compensation Division Agency Fund which is supported by insurance premiums.
2. Increasing the maximum weekly benefit would increase yearly payments which in turn will require an increase in insurance carrier's premium rates paid by employers.
3. The extent of the required premium rate increase can only be determined by using actuarial evaluations. An actuarial evaluation cannot be conducted within the time allowed for a fiscal note.

CONCLUSION:

Enactment of House Bill 362 will not increase General Fund expenditures. It will increase compensation payments from the Workmen's Compensation Agency Fund and thus necessitate increased employer paid insurance premiums.


BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning
Date: 2/13/75

SECOND READING

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