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House BILL NO. 476

INTRODUCED BY Federico

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR
NONPAYMENT OF FEES FOR PERSONS OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN DESCENT
FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM."

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

Section 1. Mexican-Americans -- nonpayment of fees. A
person may enroll in a school, college or university of the
Montana system of post-secondary education without payment
of fees when these requirements are met:

(1) the person is of one-half (1/2) Mexican-American
descent; and

(2) the person has been a bona fide resident of the
state of Montana for at least one (1) year prior to
enrollment; and

(3) the person has completed either a four (4) year
course of

- (a) an accredited high school, or
- (b) its equivalent.

Rules governing the selection of eligible persons shall
be made by the several units of the university system.

When fee waivers are granted, the state of Montana
shall reimburse the respective institutions an amount equal

1 to the fees waived.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 148-75

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received February 3, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 476 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:

House Bill 476 provides for waiver of fees for enrollment in the state University System for persons of Mexican-American descent and provides for state reimbursement to the universities.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The 1970 U.S. Census of Population indicates there are 4022 persons of Spanish language 18 years of age or older living in the State of Montana. It is not possible to predict the portion of the 4,022 persons who would be eligible for waiver of fees.
2. The University System fees which are waivable are \$100 per quarter or \$300 yearly.

CONCLUSIONS:

The lack of data availability precludes any definitive prediction of the fiscal impact of House Bill 476.


BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: February 8, 1975