

1 House BILL NO. 478  
 2 INTRODUCED BY Drewell, (By request of HJR 18 Study Committee)

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION  
 5 69-4110, R.C.M. 1947, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
 6 AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES TO DEVELOP LOCAL PROGRAMS FOR  
 7 PROVISION OF A STATEWIDE MINIMUM OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES."

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 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:  
 10 Section 1. Section 69-4110, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to  
 11 read as follows:

12 "69-4110. Functions, powers, and duties of department.  
 13 The department shall:

- 14 (1) Study conditions affecting the citizens of the
- 15 state by making use of birth, death, and sickness records;
- 16 (2) Make investigations, disseminate information, and
- 17 make recommendations for control of diseases and improvement
- 18 of public health to persons, groups, or the public;
- 19 (3) At the request of the governor, administer any
- 20 federal health program for which responsibilities are
- 21 delegated to states;
- 22 (4) Inspect and work in conjunction with custodial
- 23 institutions and Montana university system units
- 24 periodically as necessary, and at other times on request of
- 25 the governor;

1 (5) After each inspection made under subsection (4) of  
 2 this section, submit a written report on sanitary conditions  
 3 to the governor and to the director of institutions or  
 4 executive secretary of the Montana university system and  
 5 include recommendations for improvement in conditions, if  
 6 necessary;

7 (6) Advise state agencies on location, drainage, water  
 8 supply, disposal of excreta, heating, plumbing, sewer  
 9 systems, and ventilation of public buildings;

10 (7) Organize laboratory services and provide equipment  
 11 and personnel for those services;

12 (8) Develop and administer activities for the  
 13 protection and improvement of dental health and supervise  
 14 dentists employed by the state, local boards of health, or  
 15 schools;

16 (9) Develop and administer a program to protect the  
 17 health of mothers and children;

18 (10) Conduct health education programs;

19 (11) Supervise school and local public health nurses in  
 20 the performance of their duties;

21 (12) Consult with the superintendent of public  
 22 instruction on health measures for schools;

23 (13) Develop and administer a program for services to  
 24 handicapped children including diagnosis, medical, surgical  
 25 and corrective treatment, and after-care and related

1 services;

2 (14) Supervise local boards of health;

3 (15) Bring actions in court for the enforcement of the  
4 health laws and defend actions brought against the board or  
5 department; and

6 (16) Accept and expend federal funds available for  
7 public health services;

8 (17) Have the power to use personnel of local  
9 departments of health to assist in the administration of  
10 laws relating to public health;

11 (18) Determine the minimum level of public health  
12 services to be provided throughout the state;

13 (19) Determine the qualifications and minimal staffing  
14 requirements for local health departments;

15 (20) Require all local governments to provide a  
16 minimum level of public health services through a  
17 multi-county health department; and

18 (21) Assist local governments to establish the  
19 administrative structure needed to provide a minimum program  
20 of public health services. This assistance includes:

21 (a) contracts with local governments to share the cost  
22 of the program;

23 (b) initial start-up funds, allocated on a 50-50 basis  
24 and reduced every two years until the state's share does not  
25 exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total program;

1 (c) development of guidelines for the gradual transfer  
2 of authority from the state department of health and  
3 environmental sciences to local health departments."

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## STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 183-75

## FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received February 10, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 478 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 478 requires the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences to develop multi-county health departments that will bring public health services up to a minimum level.

## ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Five multi-county health departments will be organized.
2. State support will be 50 percent in FY 76 and 45 percent in FY 77.
3. Each department will have at least one full-time health officer who is a Doctor of Medicine. Three of the departments will have one health officer, one will have two, and one will have three. Field staff will include one public health nurse per 4,000 population and one sanitarian per 10,000 population. Support staff in each department will consist of an accounting clerk, two clerk-stenographers, a half-time dental hygienist, and a half-time health educator.
4. Population figures are 1973 Provisional Estimates by the U.S. Bureau of Census.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY 76	FY 77
Increase in expenditures under proposed law		
Personal Services	\$ 34,098	\$ 37,508
Operating Expenses	14,000	15,400
Capital Outlay	2,000	500
Local Assistance, Grants	1,678,469	1,661,667
Total increased expenditures under proposed law	<u>\$1,728,567</u>	<u>\$1,715,075</u>

## LOCAL IMPACT:

Local tax revenues will have to cover 50 percent of the cost of the multi-county health department in FY 76 and 55 percent in FY 77. Expenditure increases in any locality will depend on the current level of public health services. Total county expenditures would be \$1,728,567 in FY 76 and \$2,096,203 in FY 77.

## CONCLUSION:

Enactment of House Bill 478 would result in an increase in General Fund expenditures of approximately \$3.44 million during the biennium and an increase in county expenditures of \$3.83 million during the same time period.

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