

1 2690e BILL NO. 553
 2 INTRODUCED BY By Request Sully,
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION
 5 75-8601, R.C.M. 1947, TO AUTHORIZE A WAIVER OF RESIDENT
 6 TUITION FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD AT
 7 UNITS OF THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 10 Section 1. Section 75-8601, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 11 read as follows:
 12 "75-8601. Charges for tuition--waiver of nonresident
 13 fees. The regents may:
 14 (a) prescribe tuition rates, matriculation charges,
 15 and incidental fees for students in institutions under their
 16 jurisdiction.
 17 (b) waive at their discretion, nonresident tuition for
 18 selected and approved nonresident students not to exceed at
 19 any unit two per cent (2%) of the full-time equivalent
 20 enrollment at that unit during the preceding year; except
 21 that when necessary such tuition may be waived in excess of
 22 two per cent (2%) of unit enrollment for nonresident
 23 students who enroll under provisions of any NICHE sponsored
 24 state reciprocal agreements which provide for the payment,
 25 where required, of the student support fee by the reciprocal

1 state.
 2 (c) waive resident tuition for students at least
 3 sixty-two (62) years of age.
 4 (d) waive resident tuition for each active member of
 5 the Montana national guard who has not been awarded a
 6 baccalaureate or equivalent degree from an accredited
 7 college or university, and who is not entitled to education
 8 assistance under section 75-8611."

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HB 553

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 149-75

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 3, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 553 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 553 authorizes a waiver of resident tuition for active members of the National Guard at units of the Montana University System.

ASSUMPTIONS:


1. There are presently 3350 active members in the Montana National Guard. There are no plans for significant changes in level of personnel.
2. Based upon participation rates in Idaho and Nevada, which have similar laws, it is estimated 15% of the guardsmen would utilize the free waiver of tuition.
3. The portion of present Montana University System tuition which can be waived is \$100 per quarter or \$300 per year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY 76	FY 77
Estimated decrease in University System revenues	<u>\$ 150,750</u>	<u>\$ 150,750</u>

CONCLUSION:

Enactment of House Bill 553 will reduce University System revenues during the biennium by an estimated \$301,500.


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