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2 INTRODUCED BY *Fasbender (by request of Dept. of Admin.)*

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FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received Feb. 3, 1975, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 364 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:

Senate Bill 364 establishes a centralized communications equipment maintenance program within the Department of Administration.

ASSUMPTIONS:


1. Personnel and equipment within the Department of Highways, Natural Resources, and Justice will be transferred to the Department of Administration.
2. The proposed program will be supported entirely by the Radio/Microwave Communications Revolving Account (07265). Agencies will be billed for communications maintenance services performed.
3. Estimated expenditures are based on FY76 state agency budgets relative to communications maintenance expenditures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY76	FY77
Estimated expenditures for maintenance of communications equipment under current law	\$280,000	\$285,000
Estimated expenditures for maintenance of communications equipment under proposed law	<u>281,360</u>	<u>283,678</u>
Net increase (decrease) in expenditures	<u>\$ 1,360</u>	<u>\$(1,322)</u>

CONCLUSION:

Enactment of SB 364 will have virtually no impact on the cost of maintaining communications equipment during the biennium. It will provide a centralized maintenance program for all state communications equipment, and provide funding through a revolving account.


 BUDGET DIRECTOR
 Office of Budget and Program Planning
 Date: 2/7/75

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