

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 56
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF
 5 EASTERN MONTANA COLLEGE TO EASTERN MONTANA UNIVERSITY;
 6 AMENDING SECTIONS 43-721, 75-8403, 75-8423, 75-8425, AND
 7 75-8427, R.C.M. 1947."

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

10 Section 1. Section 75-8403, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 11 read as follows:

12 "75-8403. Units constituting university system. The
 13 Montana university system is composed of the following
 14 units, each designated by its legal name:

- 15 (1) university of Montana, located at Missoula;
- 16 (2) Montana state university, located at Bozeman;
- 17 (3) Montana college of mineral science and technology,
 18 located at Butte;
- 19 (4) western Montana college, located at Dillon;
- 20 (5) eastern Montana ~~college~~ university, located at
 21 Billings; and
- 22 (6) northern Montana college, located at Havre."

23 Section 2. Section 75-8423, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 24 read as follows:

25 "75-8423. Purpose of eastern Montana ~~college~~

1 university. Eastern Montana ~~college~~ university has for its
 2 primary purpose the instruction and training of teachers for
 3 the public schools of Montana."

4 Section 3. Section 75-8425, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 5 read as follows:

6 "75-8425. Donations to eastern Montana ~~college~~
 7 university. The regents may accept for and on behalf of
 8 eastern Montana ~~college~~ university any donations of lands
 9 and any other gifts for the use and benefit of the college."

10 Section 4. Section 75-8427, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 11 read as follows:

12 "75-8427. Acceptance of public lands. (1) The regents
 13 shall receive in the names of western Montana college and
 14 eastern Montana ~~college~~ university, all benefits derived
 15 from the distribution of lands contemplated in section 17 of
 16 an Act of Congress, approved February 22, 1889 entitled "An
 17 act to provide for the division of Dakota into two states
 18 and to enable the people of North Dakota, South Dakota,
 19 Montana, and Washington to form constitutions and state
 20 governments and to be admitted into the union on an equal
 21 footing with the original states, and to make donations of
 22 public lands to such states."

23 (2) The regents may in carrying out the provisions of
 24 Title 75, ~~R.C.M., 1947~~, pledge one-half ~~(1/2)~~ of all
 25 interest and income derived from said land grant for the

1 payment in whole or in part of notes, bonds, or other
2 obligations issued by the regents for residence halls or
3 other facilities at western Montana college or at eastern
4 Montana ~~college~~ university, provided that:

5 (a) any such pledge shall be subject to any prior
6 pledge; and

7 (b) all pledges of income and interest must have the
8 final approval of the state board of examiners."

9 Section 5. Section 43-721, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 "43-721. Establishment of program. It is declared to
12 be the public policy of this state that there be a
13 legislative intern program open to students attending the
14 university of Montana, Montana state university, eastern
15 Montana ~~college~~ university, northern Montana college,
16 western Montana college, Montana college of mineral science
17 and technology. The private colleges of higher education in
18 the state may also establish an intern program for the
19 purposes of this act."

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 12-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received Jan. 5, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 56 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

A proposal to change the name of Eastern Montana College to Eastern Montana University.

Long-Range Effects:

The suggested change in the name of Eastern Montana College to Eastern Montana University implies that the institution should expand its educational scope and mission considerably. The fiscal impact of enhancing Eastern's mission is not readily discernible in the short run. In the long-run, Eastern would have to strengthen and expand its science programs to include more graduate degrees and provide for a broader role in organized and departmental research. The costs of such changes would be significant.

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Office of Budget and Program Planning

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