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## STATE OF MONTANA

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SCAL NOTE

n compliance with a written request received <u>February 17</u> , 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note
of House Bill 297 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:

Provides for annual sessions of the legislature

## **ASSUMPTIONS:**

- 1. Members: Salary at \$31.62 per day Expenses at \$40 per day
- 2. Legislature in session 6 days per week
- 3. Attaches at 1977 salary schedules
- 4. 60-day Session: 2 round trips mileage for members each 60-day session.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Biennium cost of present system \$2,421,629
Biennium cost of annual sessions (proposed) 3,329,708

Additional cost of proposed legislation per biennium \$ 908,079

NOTE: Since the Legislature will meet in FY 79 regardless of voter approval of House Bill 297, there would actually be a decrease in expenditures in this biennium due to length of sessions. However, since the Legislature would meet in 1980 if the proposed bill were ratified, the effect over a two-year period would be an increase in expenditures of \$908,000.

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Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-27-77

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