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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 140-77

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received January 21, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 305 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 305 provides a state policy for Adult Basic Education and allows for an appropriation to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the support of Adult Basic Education programs in public schools and community colleges.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of House Bill 305 by itself creates no additional revenues or expenditures. The bill merely allows the legislature to appropriate funds for the support of adult education.

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BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-27-77

Approved by Committee
on Education

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