

1 H BILL NO. 338

2 INTRODUCED BY Lynch

3 BY REQUEST OF

4 THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

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FISCAL NOTE

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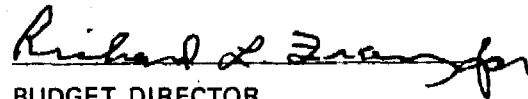
In compliance with a written request received February 9, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 338 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to amend Section 71-1250, R.C.M. 1947, to allow for county determination of Medicaid eligibility.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill will allow the Montana Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to review, on a selective basis, the cases determined eligible for SSE and Medicaid by the Federal Social Security Administration. These additional reviews will be performed by existing staff and no additional funding will be required. A potential cost saving could result if federal eligibility determination errors are discovered and ineligible clients are removed from the program.


BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-22-77

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