



STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 556-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 8, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 389 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 impose a gross receipts assessment on all passenger tramway operators in Montana and providing an immediate effective date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. That normally the number of skier visits to Montana ski areas will exceed 700,000 per year.
2. That the average cost of a ski lift ticket will be \$7.00.
3. 1/4 of 1 percent will generate approximately \$12,500 per year for this earmarked revenue fund.
4. Income will vary yearly but should increase approximately 7.5% on an average (U.S. Forest Service data).

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY78</u>	<u>FY79</u>
Revenue	<u>\$12,500</u>	<u>\$13,437</u>

NOTE: The purpose of these funds is to administer the Passenger Tramway Safety Act which has an executive budget recommendation of \$12,600 in FY78 and \$13,600 in FY79.

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Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-21-77

Approved by Committee  
on Taxation

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2 INTRODUCED BY SCULLY  
3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
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12 impose an assessment of 1/4 of 1% on the gross receipts of  
13 all passenger tramways operated in the state of Montana. A  
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15 OF A PASSENGER TRAMWAY FACILITY. THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE  
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19 and remitted to the department of administration's passenger  
20 tramway safety account by ~~July 1~~ DECEMBER 31 of each year.  
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22 only to support the duties of the department set forth in  
23 Title 69, chapter 66, R.C.M. 1947.

24 Section 2. Effective date AND TRANSITION PERIOD. This  
25 act is effective upon its passage and approval. ASSESSMENTS

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SECOND READING

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April 1, 1977

SENATE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

That House Bill No. 389 be amended as follows:

1. Amend Senate Standing Committee amendment No. 3, insertion paragraph, line 6.

Following: "sufficient"

Insert: "revenue"

Following: "appropriation for"

Strike: "controlled"

Insert: "contracted"

March 30, 1977

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT  
Senate Committee on Taxation

That House Bill No. 389 be amended as follows:

1. Amend title, line 7.

Following: "MONTANA"

Insert: "; amending section 69-6609, R.C.M. 1947;"

2. Amend page 1, section 1, lines 19 and 20.

Following: "to the"

Strike: "department of administration's passenger tramway safety account"

Insert: "general fund"

3. Amend page 1, section 1, line 23.

Following: line 23

Insert: "Section 2. Section 69-6609, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"69-6609. Deposit of fees. All fees collected by the department shall be deposited in ~~an-earmarked-revenue-fund-passenger-tramway safety-account~~ the general fund. It is the legislature's intent that such fees and assessments generate sufficient for a general fund appropriation for controlled inspection services."

Renumber: following section