

1 H BILL NO. 597
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE SALE OF
 5 NURSERY STOCK PRODUCED AT THE STATE FOREST NURSERY TO
 6 CERTAIN USERS."

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

9 Section 1. Sale of nursery stock from state forest
 10 nursery restricted. Under its primary duty to advise farmers
 11 and public agencies of the state concerning forest, range,
 12 water, and soil conservation, the department shall restrict
 13 the sale of nursery stock, including seeds and seedlings
 14 from the state forest nursery, to the following persons:

15 (1) public agencies of the state or its political
 16 subdivisions for plantings on public land or on private land
 17 dedicated to a public use;

18 (2) bona fide farmers or ranchers actively engaged in
 19 agriculture on tracts at least 10 acres in size. For
 20 purposes of this subsection, agriculture does not include
 21 the raising of Christmas trees.

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INTRODUCED BILL

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 442-77

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received February 8, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 597 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 597 restricts the sale of nursery stock produced at the state forest nursery to certain users.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>
Revenue under current law	\$64,000	\$64,000
Revenue under proposed law	<u>44,000</u>	<u>44,000</u>
Decrease in revenue under proposed law	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>
Expenditures under current law	64,000	64,000
Expenditures under proposed law	<u>44,000</u>	<u>44,000</u>
Decrease in expenditures under proposed law	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>
Net fiscal impact	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

LONG-RANGE IMPACT:

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation suggests that, in order to cover fixed costs, it may be necessary to increase selling prices. This may force buyers to seek other outlets, thereby decreasing revenue even further.

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