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STATE OF MONTANA

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST NO. 426-77

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 9, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note
for House Bill 635 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

This bill increases the amount of money deposited to the state park account in the earmarked revenue fund from the gasoline dealers' license tax.

ASSUMPTIONS

- 1. Gasoline consumption will increase between 2% and 3% for each fiscal year 77, 78, and 79. Thus there will be taxable gallons of gasoline amounting to: 489.490M-499.135M in FY 78; 499.280M-514.109M in FY 79.
- 2. 2% of the first 6¢ tax collected will be deducted (evaporation allowance).
- 3. Administrative costs will remain unchanged.
- 4. Refunds for off-road use will be \$2.7M both FY 78-79.
- 5. The allocation to parks will be the maximum 9/10%.

FISCAL IMPACT

JOAN THEOT	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>
Estimated Revenue from Park Fund under current law. Estimated Revenue from Park Fund under proposed law.	\$.208M-\$.212M	\$.212M-\$.219M
	\$.312M-\$.318M	\$.319M-\$.329M
ESTIMATED INCREASE	\$.104M-\$.106M	\$.107M-\$.110M

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS

The long-range effect of this bill is to increase the allocation of the gasoline tax to the state parks account by 50% over current collections each fiscal year this act is in effect.

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