

1 House BILL NO. 678
 2 INTRODUCED BY Malay, Duane Vincent
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 14 welfare of the people of this state.

15 (2) In order to determine the extent and the manner in
 16 which the people of Montana wish to permit the development
 17 of the state's land and resources, it is necessary to
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 19 translating it into long-range goals.

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 6 out the purposes of this act.

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1 town meeting process in coordination with its county town
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4 shall assist each county in the preparation and
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8 proposed program adequately provides for public involvement
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17 that area;

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11 goals.

12 (2) The comprehensive plan shall include a method for
13 compilation and assimilation of the public opinion elicited
14 through the various town meetings that will be taking place
15 in each county.

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17 at least five regional meetings and one statewide meeting
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19 development of long-range goals.

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21 a report that will contain the long-range goals developed
22 through the statewide town meeting process.

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1 . advisory task force are encouraged to seek outside
2 nongovernment funding to facilitate Montana's development of
3 long-range goals. Interested corporations, individuals,
4 organizations, and foundations may help fund the statewide
5 town meeting process through tax-deductible contributions.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 449-77

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 678 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.

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8. The Governor's Office will need at least one staff person to assist the councils and prepare the report.

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Personal services	\$16,950	\$17,348
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Richard L. Drang
BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-16-77

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 449-77

FISCAL NOTE

AMENDED

Form BDF-18

In compliance with a written request received February 21, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB 678 (as amended) 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.

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NOTE: The amended bill leaves participation in the process to the discretion of each county. Staff requirements will be determined by the number of counties participating.

Section 6 encourages the Governor and the Council to seek funding for the above from private sources.

Richard L. Ziegenfuss
BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-21-77

Approved by Committee
on Education

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