

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *168*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Therese Low, Don Ricki Flynn*
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 5 PARTICIPATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE GROUPS IN THE STATEWIDE
 6 GROUP INSURANCE PLAN; AMENDING SECTIONS 59-1502 AND
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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 418-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 9, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 168 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

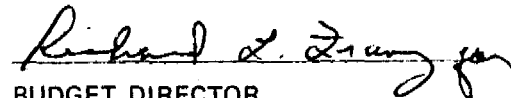
Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Senate Bill 168 concerns the participation of state employee groups in the statewide group insurance plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill only affects the voting requirements for entering or leaving the Statewide Group Insurance Plan and has no effect on the employer contribution presently authorized by Section 11-1024, R.C.M. 1947.


BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-16-77

Approved by
Select Comm. on Employee Comp.

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April 6, 1977

Joint Select Committee on Employee Compensation Amendment to
Senate Bill #168, third reading bill, as follows:

1. Amend page 2, section 2, lines 12 and 13.

Following: "membership"

Strike: "and the approval of the director of the department of
administration"

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 7, 1977

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 168, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Amend page 2, section 2, line 6.

Following: "employee group"

Insert: ", including those established through collective bargaining,"

AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN

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