

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *372*
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE *Hagen*
 5 POSITION OF CLAIMS INVESTIGATOR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE *have*
 6 AND MAKING HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT
 7 COMPENSATION FRAUD."

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

10 Section 1. Claims investigator. The position of claims
 11 investigator, created administratively within the division
 12 of employment security, is transferred to the department of
 13 justice. The claims investigator is responsible to the
 14 attorney general for the investigation of violations of
 15 87-145 by claimants or employing units or officers or agents
 16 of employing units. The employment security division shall
 17 provide office space for the claims investigator and any
 18 other necessary staff to assist the investigator.

19 Section 2. Attorney general to be notified of claim
 20 settlements. No sums may be repaid to the division of
 21 employment security, either directly or by offset of future
 22 benefits pursuant to 87-145, without the division having
 23 first notified the claims investigator of such violation and
 24 of the pending settlement.

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SB372

INTRODUCED BILL

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 346-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 2, 1977, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 372 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 transferring the position of claims investigator to the Department of Justice and making him responsible for investigation of unemployment compensation fraud.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Presently there are two claims investigators in the Employment Security Division and both positions would be transferred to the Department of Justice.
2. The classification of both positions would remain the same.
3. Federal funds that currently fund these positions will no longer be available; therefore the General Fund will have to fund the positions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>
Increase in expenditures in Department of Justice	\$32,470	\$34,714
Decrease in expenditures in Employment Security Division	<u>32,470</u>	<u>34,714</u>
Net fiscal impact of proposed legislation*	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

*The transfer reduces expenditures of federal funds and increases General Fund expenditures.

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