

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *389*
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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 372-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 7, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 389 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 389 proposes to repeal the sections establishing the educational broadcasting commission and its duties; to provide that the Department of Administration shall foster the development of new communication systems.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. Senate Bill 389 is enabling legislation only. If special appropriations or grants are received by the Department specifically for these kinds of new communications projects or research, then these special appropriations or grants will be used entirely for the particular projects.

Richard L. Dwyer
BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-11-77

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 1977

Committee of the Whole on SENATE BILL NO. 389, third reading copy,
as follows:

1. Amend page 3, section 1, line 9.

Following: line 8

Strike: "educational television,"

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