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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. ~~620-77~~

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received March 7, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 436 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 436 provides for a county resource corps for persons receiving public assistance, unemployed persons and volunteers.

ASSUMPTIONS:

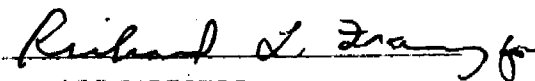
1. The Department of Labor will not be required to provide administrative support to these projects.
2. All funds required will be county funds.
3. Public assistance recipients excluded from work will follow current WIN guidelines for General Assistance and AFDC programs (AFDC adults eligible - 20%; General Assistance eligible - 100%).
4. 25% of the eligible public assistance recipients will participate.
5. Maximum expense allowance for travel and out-of-pocket expenses would be \$35 per month.

FISCAL IMPACT - LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The total fiscal impact of the proposed legislation cannot be estimated at this time as the fiscal impact due to those persons receiving unemployment benefits, as well as the savings and the value of the benefits derived from the corps, is unknown. The additional cost to counties for persons receiving public assistance is estimated to be \$83,000 per year.

TECHNICAL NOTE:

The Employment Security Division suggests that Section 7 of the proposed legislation may be in conflict with federal regulations related to unemployment compensation benefits.


BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: _____

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2 other employment at any time; and

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