

HOUSE BILL 533

IN THE HOUSE

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| February 2, 1979 | Introduced and referred to Committee on State Adminis- tration. |
| February 14, 1979 | Committee recommend bill, do not pass. |
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House BILL NO. 533

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO USE PRIVATE AIR TRANSPORTATION WHEN SUCH TRANSPORTATION CAN BE PROVIDED AT A COST LOWER THAN STATE AIR TRANSPORTATION; AMENDING SECTION 67-2-202, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 67-2-202, MCA, is amended to read:

"67-2-202. Rules enforcement. The department is hereby delegated the power and authority to:

(1) formulate and enforce reasonable rules governing the use and operation of all airplanes under control of the division;

(2) encourage and coordinate use of such airplanes by individual state agencies (an agency for which an aircraft has been specially equipped or modified shall have priority for the use of such aircraft); ~~except when a certified private air transportation service can provide air transportation at a cost lower than the state's air transportation services;~~

(3) charge the individual state agencies using the airplanes the estimated costs for administration, operation, maintenance, service, storage, and replacement;

(4) establish a capital fund for new and replacement equipment using that portion of the money paid by individual state agencies for the use of the airplanes; and

(5) place any surplus resulting from use charges into the capital fund."

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 225-79

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received February 5, 19 79, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB 533 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

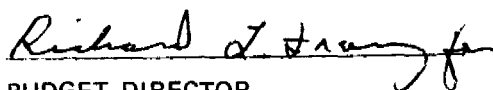
Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF LEGISLATION:

House Bill 533 requires the state to use private air transportation when such transportation can be provided at a cost lower than state air transportation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Section 2-2.4 (1) - S4130, Administrative Rules of Montana currently requires that state employees travel by the least expensive class of service available within the mode of transportation being utilized. Consequently, this legislation should have minimal fiscal impact on state agency travel costs. Studies by the Legislative Auditor, however, have shown that in some cases the cost of private air transportation can be significantly less than comparable state air transportation when factors other than direct cost are considered.



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