

HOUSE BILL 573

IN THE HOUSE

February 5, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
March 6, 1979	Intent statement attached.
March 8, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
March 12, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
March 14, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
March 15, 1979	Third reading, passed.

IN THE SENATE

March 16, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
April 20, 1979	Died in Committee.

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INTRODUCED BY *Ron Johnson* *David Anderson*  
*Alissa* *Mitchell* *Mark Kemmis* *Sally*  
*Holmes*

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

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INTRODUCED BILL

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 505-79

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received March 26, 19 79, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Amended House Bill 573 (3rd Reading Version) 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

This proposed bill would provide an individual income tax deduction for certain expenses incurred in rehabilitating certified historic structures.

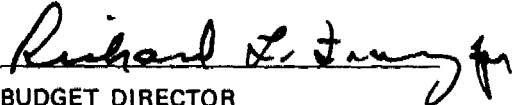
ASSUMPTIONS

- a) The number of individual income taxpayers that will legitimately claim itemized deductions for expenses paid or incurred for rehabilitating certified historic structures in 1979 and 1980 will be 75 and 300, respectively.
- b) The average deduction of expenses for rehabilitating certified historic structures will amount to \$5,000.
- c) The marginal tax rate for the taxpayers specified by assumption (a) will range from 8% to 11%.
- d) Administration of the proposed law will require an additional \$2,000 annually to be expended by the Department of Revenue, and an unspecified amount for necessary expenses of the Historic Preservation Program of the Montana Historical Society. (See Technical Note (c).)

FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>FY 80</u>	<u>FY 81</u>
Individual Income Tax Collections		
under current law	\$154,268,000	\$169,790,000
under proposed law	\$154,222,625 to \$154,235,000	\$169,608,500 to \$169,658,000
Estimated Decrease	(\$ 45,375 to \$ 33,000)	(\$ 181,500 to \$ 132,000)
Department of Revenue Expenditures (attributable to proposed law)		
under current law	\$ 0	\$ 0
under proposed law	2,000	2,000
Estimated Increase	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000

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Net Effect		
under current law	\$ 154,268,000	\$ 169,790,000
under proposed law	\$154,220,625 to \$154,233,000	\$169,606,500 to \$169,656,000
Estimated Decrease	(\$ 47,375 to \$ 35,000)	(\$ 183,500 to \$ 134,000)

FUND INFORMATION

General Fund

under current law	\$ 98,731,520	\$ 108,665,600
under proposed law	\$ 98,700,480 to \$ 98,708,400	\$108,547,440 to \$108,579,120
Estimated Decrease	(\$ 31,040 to \$ 23,120)	(\$ 118,160 to \$ 86,480)

Earmarked Revenue Fund

under current law	\$ 38,567,000	\$ 42,447,500
under proposed law	\$ 38,555,656 to \$ 38,558,750	\$ 42,402,125 to \$ 42,414,500
Estimated Decrease	(\$ 11,344 to \$ 8,250)	(\$ 45,375 to \$ 33,000)

Sinking Fund\*

under current law	\$ 16,969,480	\$ 18,676,900
under proposed law	\$ 16,964,489 to \$ 16,965,850	\$ 18,656,935 to \$ 18,662,380
Estimated Decrease	(\$ 4,991 to \$ 3,630)	\$ 19,965 to \$ 14,520)

\*A portion of this account may be transferred to the general fund as long-range bond excess.

EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

No direct impact. (See Technical Note (a))

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS

The total cumulative effect of the proposed law, assuming the present stock of historic structures remains unchanged in number, could be as much as a \$350,000 to \$1,000,000 reduction in individual income taxes, but this impact will be spread out over many years.

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TECHNICAL NOTES

- a) It should be noted that income to the indicated earmarked revenue fund is used to support the Public School Foundation Program; therefore, any reduction in receipts to that account may necessitate additional support from other sources.
- b) Subsection (5) of Section 1 provides an itemized deduction for "expenses incurred" in rehabilitating certified historic structures. In order to be consistent with similar provisions regarding itemized deductions elsewhere in the M.C.A., this should be changed to "paid or incurred," since most individual income taxpayers utilize the "cash basis" for accounting of their income and expenditures (so that deductions are taken for the year in which they are actually paid), instead of the "accrual basis" (where deductions may be taken for the year in which they are incurred).
- c) It may happen that the Historic Preservation Program of the Montana Historical Society may need to expend funds which are not presently anticipated for inclusion in that agency's budget for the 80-81 biennium for administration of this proposed law, since the Historical Society will have to approve all renovation expenses claimed for the deduction, as well as certify the historic structures themselves. It is conceivable that the number of applicants for consideration under this proposed law could exceed the administrative capacity of the Historical Society.

In the event that the Historical Society is unable to follow through on monitoring actual expenses for rehabilitation, the Department of Revenue may have to assign an auditor to this task on a part-time basis for "spot check" (\$7,500 for personal services, and \$2,500 for travel expenses, annually).

- d) It is essential that the Department of Revenue be consulted by the Historical Society, particularly during the rule-making process necessitated by approval of Section 3 of the proposed law. Furthermore, in order to minimize taxpayer compliance problems, it is advisable that some provision for the transmission of information between these two agencies be established.

(Prepared by the Department of Revenue)

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13 structures and to establish approved methods of  
14 rehabilitating historical structures. It is intended that  
15 the Historical Society adopt rules similar to and in  
16 conformity with rules promulgated by the United States  
17 Department of Interior for historical preservation  
18 certificates pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976, 36  
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- (b) refunds received of federal income tax, to the

1 extent the deduction of such tax resulted in a reduction of  
 2 Montana income tax liability;

3 ~~(c) deductions allowed under section 191 of the~~  
 4 ~~Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, if the deduction~~  
 5 ~~allowed in section 3 is claimed.~~

6 (2) Adjusted gross income does not include the  
 7 following which are exempt from taxation under this chapter:

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 9 States government, the state of Montana, county,  
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 13 Retirement Act not in excess of \$3,600;

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19 (e) all benefits paid under the highway patrol  
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9 office that the structure is certified; and

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12 income tax return.

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20 section, he may not claim the deduction allowed in section  
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22 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATE. THIS ACT  
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