

SENATE BILL 513

IN THE SENATE

February 14, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.
February 15, 1979	Fiscal note requested.
February 21, 1979	Fiscal note returned.
April 20, 1979	Died in Committee.

1 *Amended* BILL NO. *513*
2 INTRODUCED BY *Boyer - called*

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A
5 CONSOLIDATED STATE LABORATORY, COMBINING VARIOUS EXISTING
6 LABORATORIES."

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

9 Section 1. Consolidated state laboratory. (1) There is
10 a consolidated state laboratory. It shall consist of and
11 perform the duties of the following laboratories as they
12 existed January 1, 1979:

- 13 (a) the Montana grain and seed laboratory located at
14 Bozeman;
- 15 (b) the state feed and fertilizer laboratory within
16 the agricultural experiment station located at Bozeman;
- 17 (c) the department of livestock diagnostic laboratory
18 located at Bozeman;
- 19 (d) the soil testing laboratory within the Montann
20 agricultural experiment station located at Bozeman;
- 21 (e) the Montana state grain inspection laboratory
22 located at Great Falls;
- 23 (f) all laboratories within the department of health
24 and environmental sciences in Helena;
- 25 (g) all laboratories within the analytical laboratory

1 division of the Montana bureau of mines and geology in
2 Butte;

3 (h) the fish and wildlife laboratory within the
4 wildlife management division of the department of fish and
5 game located in Bozeman; and

6 (i) the criminal investigations laboratory located in
7 Missoula.

8 (2) When feasible, diagnostic work shall have
9 preference over research work in all laboratory work
10 assignments.

11 (3) The consolidated state laboratory shall be
12 administered by the department of administration provided
13 for in 2-15-1001.

14 Section 2. Instruction to code commissioner. All
15 references in Title 20, chapter 25, part 2; Title 44,
16 chapter 3, part 3; and Titles 50, 80, and 81 to any of the
17 laboratories listed in section 1 are changed to
18 "consolidated state laboratory". The code commissioner is
19 directed to make all grammatical changes necessitated by
20 this act.

-End-

SB 513
INTRODUCED BIL

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 379-79

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received Feb. 15, 19 79, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 513 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 513 consolidates eight state laboratories in one location and assigns the unit to the Department of Administration for administrative purposes.

ASSUMPTIONS:

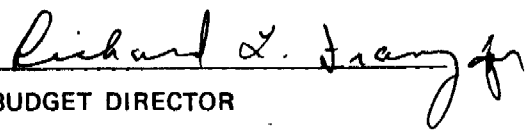
- A. Most of the laboratories referred to in this bill are in need of additional space and any new facility would provide for these additional space needs.
- B. Operating Expenses
 - 1. The combined labs would operate on a revolving fund basis and charge using agencies for their work.
 - 2. Charges would not exceed the amounts presently budgeted for the labs by each agency.
 - 3. A new facility would be required to house the combined labs.
- C. Facility Costs
 - 1. Combining the square footage of existing laboratories plus 15% expansion will produce a laboratory of sufficient size to accomodate the proposed consolidation.
 - 2. Construction costs will increase 9% per year from 1979-1981.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The combined square footage of the eight laboratories is 65,000 square feet. $65,000 \times 15\%$ expansion = 74,750 square feet. Cost of constructing and equipping a lab of this size is estimated to be \$13,700,000. Funding would be from the Long Range Building Fund.

COMMENT:

There is probably some consolidation that could be accomplished among the various lab functions with corresponding savings in these operations; however, within the time frame available, it is impossible to determine what these amounts would be. Also, there exists the possibility that a consolidation would also reduce square footage requirements. Assuming that the square footage could be reduced by 15%, the cost of constructing and equipping a new lab would approximate \$10 million.


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Office of Budget and Program Planning
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