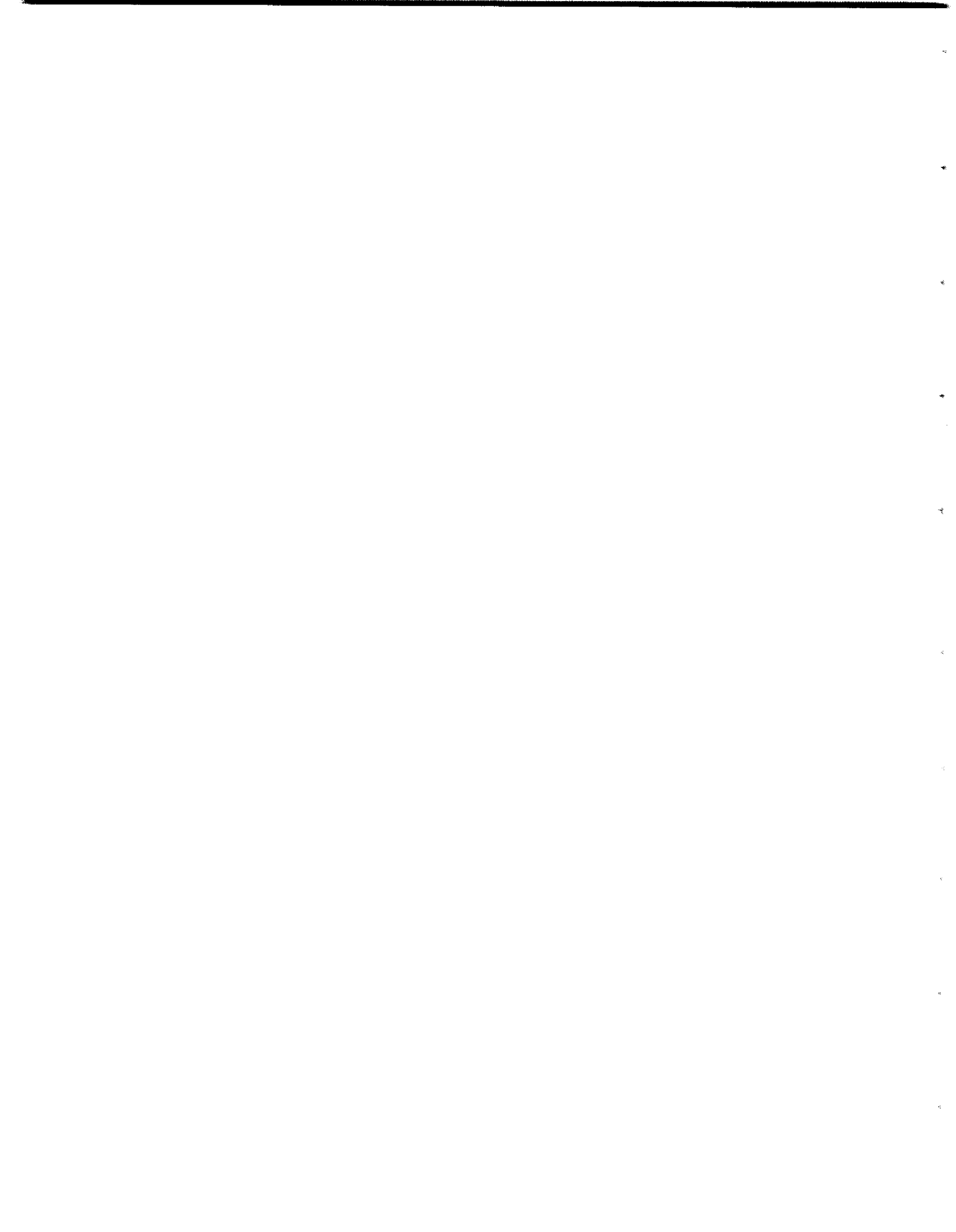


House Bill 37

In The House

January 6, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
January 7, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
January 14, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
	Committee recommend bill do not pass.



HOUSE BILL NO. 37

INTRODUCED BY BRAND

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST AND PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET ANALYST EMPLOYED UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO REVIEW THE STATE GOVERNMENT BUDGET; AMENDING SECTIONS 5-11-111 AND 5-12-295, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 5-12-301 THROUGH 5-12-304, AND 5-12-402, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 5-11-111, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-11-111. Executive director, personnel, and consultants. The legislative council may employ an executive director and such other personnel, not members of the council, as it considers necessary to assist in the preparation of proposed legislative acts and standing and select committee and subcommittee reports and recommendations and to carry out other council activities. The council shall employ a budget analyst to review the budget of the government and to make recommendations when requested by the legislative finance committee and to committees of the legislature responsible for appropriation of public money. The council shall fix the compensation of such employees. It may also employ the services of any

research agency which it considers necessary in the discharge of its duties."

Section 2. Section 5-12-205, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-12-205. Powers and duties of committee. The committee may:

(1) organize, adopt rules to govern its proceedings, and meet as often as necessary, upon the call of the chairman to advise and consult with the legislative fiscal analyst provided for in 5-11-111.

(2) employ and set the salary of the legislative fiscal analyst who shall serve at the pleasure of and be responsible to the committee; and

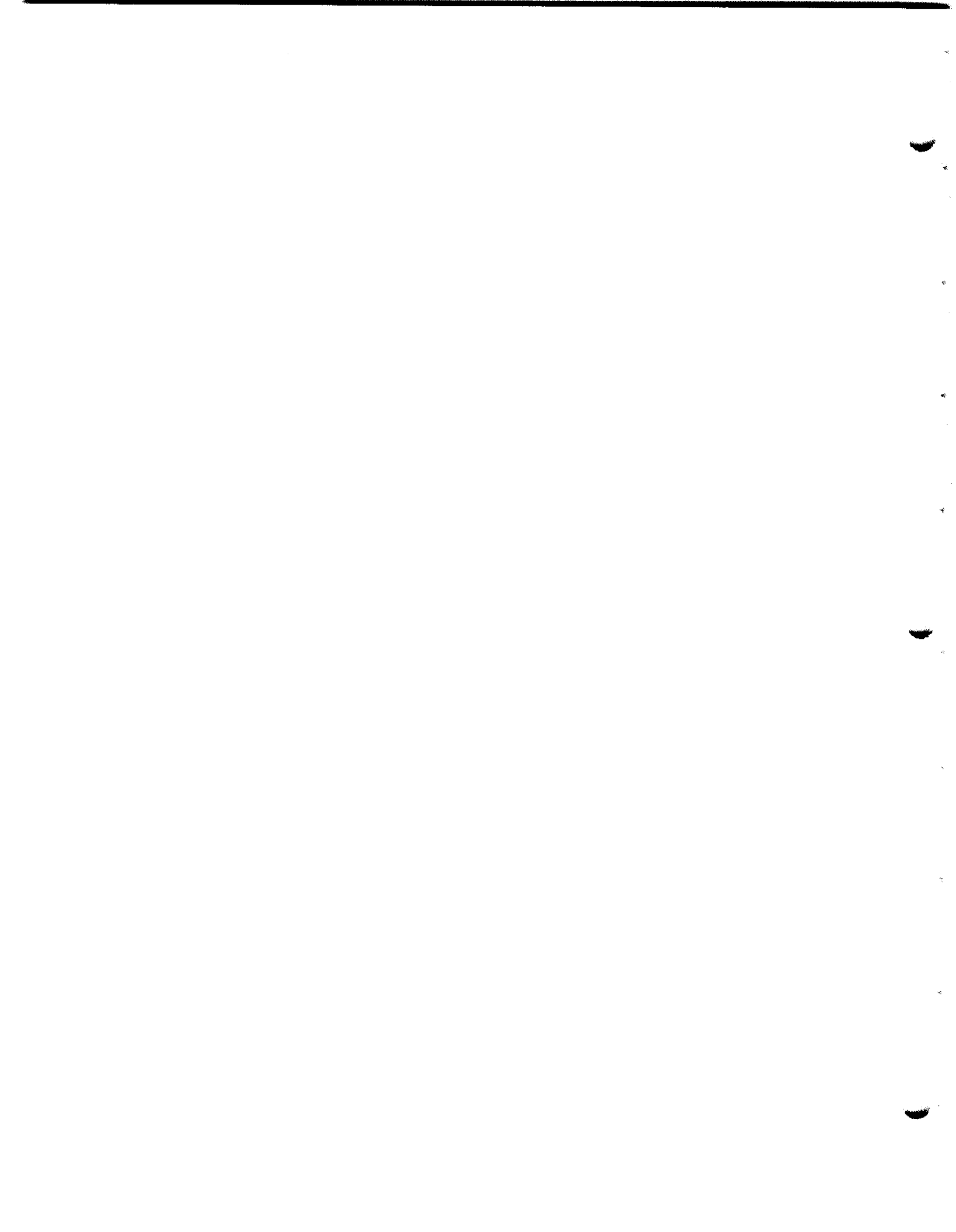
(3) exercise the investigatory powers of a standing committee under chapter 5, part 1, of this title."

Section 3. Repealer. Sections 5-12-301 through 5-12-304 and 5-12-402 are repealed.

-End-

INTRODUCED BILL

HB 37



## STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 37-81

## FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 37 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

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

House Bill No. 37 would abolish the office of the Legislative Fiscal analyst. The Legislative Council would become responsible to hire one budget analyst to work under the direction of the Finance Committee.

## FISCAL IMPACT

## Legislative Council

	1982	1983
Personal services:		
Committee	\$ 11,039	\$ 4231
Analyst	25,000	27500
Secretary	10,000	11,000
Operating expenses		
Committee	17,592	6,742
Office	<u>10,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
	\$ 73,631	\$ 60,473

Abolishing the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst would result in:

Fiscal Analyst Projected Budget	\$481,830	\$531,239
House Bill 37	<u>(73,631)</u>	<u>(60,473)</u>
Net Reduction of State expenditures	<u>\$408,199</u>	<u>\$470,766</u>

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Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-13-81

