

House Bill 373

In The House

January 20, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
January 22, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
January 29, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
February 2, 1981	Committee recommend bill do not pass.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 373
 2 INTRODUCED BY Kemna Thomas Bertelsen Sheldon
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 4 BY REQUEST OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION
 6 OF PERMIT FACILITATOR IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND SETTING
 7 FORTH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POSITION."

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

10 Section 1. Office of permit facilitator. (1) The
 11 governor shall create within his office the position of
 12 permit facilitator. The position shall be filled by
 13 appointment by the governor.

14 (2) The permit facilitator serves at the pleasure of
 15 the governor.

16 (3) The governor shall select the permit facilitator
 17 on the basis of his professional and administrative
 18 knowledge and experience.

19 Section 2. Permit information center. (1) The permit
 20 facilitator shall establish a permit requirements
 21 information center in Helena, Montana, for the purpose of
 22 providing, maintaining, revising, and updating information
 23 pertaining to the licenses and permits required by state
 24 agencies before various commercial or industrial projects or
 25 activities proposed in the state can be initiated.

1 (2) The permit facilitator shall encourage and invite
 2 federal and local government agencies to make license and
 3 permit information available to applicants through the
 4 information center. The permit facilitator shall, so far as
 5 is practicable, advise applicants of federal and local
 6 government agency license and permit requirements.

7 Section 3. Agency reports. (1) Before October 1, 1981,
 8 each state agency with authority to review, approve, or
 9 grant licenses or permits for commercial or industrial
 10 projects or activities shall report to the permit
 11 facilitator concerning such authority. Application forms,
 12 applicable agency rules, and the estimated time period
 13 necessary for consideration of a license or permit
 14 application based on experience and statutory or regulatory
 15 requirements shall accompany each state agency report.

16 (2) Each state agency shall report to the permit
 17 facilitator any new license or permit or modification of an
 18 existing license or permit that becomes effective as a
 19 requirement subsequent to the report submitted pursuant to
 20 subsection (1), together with applicable forms, rules, and
 21 information.

22 Section 4. Assistance to applicants. Upon the request
 23 of an applicant for a commercial or industrial license or
 24 permit, the permit facilitator shall provide reasonable
 25 assistance to the applicant in the identification and

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- 1 processing of licenses and permits required for the
- 2 applicant's project.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. _____

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 22, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 373 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:

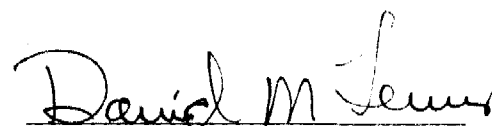
House Bill 373 establishes the position of permit facilitator in the Governor's Office.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Two FTE and associated operating expenses will be required to fulfill the duties outlined in the proposed legislation.

EXPENDITURE IMPACT:

CATEGORY	FY 1982	FY 1983
Personal Services		
Permit Facilitator (Exempt)	\$25,000	\$25,000
Admin Aide (Gr. 11)	13,200	13,200
Total Salaries	38,200	38,200
Benefits	5,800	5,800
Total Personal Services	44,000	44,000
Operating Expenses		
Printing, Xerox	720	800
Supplies	500	350
Communications	1,750	2,015
Travel	4,000	4,600
Rent	1,800	2,066
Repair & Maintenance	200	230
Miscellaneous	100	150
Equipment (desks, chairs, typewriter, calculator, filing cabinets)	3,000	0
Total Operating Expenses	12,070	10,211
TOTAL EXPENDITURE IMPACT	\$56,070	\$54,211



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

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