

HOUSE BILL NO. 509

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IN THE HOUSE

January 27, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
January 29, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
February 5, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
February 6, 1981	Statement of intent attached.
February 9, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 10, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 12, 1981	Second reading, do pass as amended.
February 13, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 14, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 86; Noes, 0. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 16, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
March 5, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurrent in. Report adopted.
March 7, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 10, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 46; Noes, 2.

IN THE HOUSE

March 11, 1981

Returned from Senate. Con-
curred in. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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Caro *Bram* *McBride* *Keefe* *Teague* *Skeldin* *Falvey*
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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 248-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 29, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 509 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

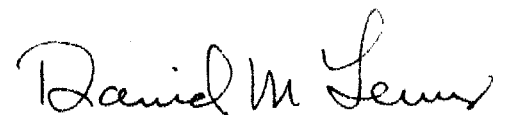
House Bill 509 provides for the administration of the Residential Conservation Service in Montana.

Fiscal Impact

While the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation estimates a minimal cost of \$5,000 each fiscal year for maintaining a list of qualified contractors, lenders, and suppliers, those costs have been anticipated and budgeted in the 1981 workplan for the State Energy Conservation Program grant submitted to the U. S. Department of Energy. As a result, it is not envisioned that the measure will have any impact on the General Fund.

Technical Note

While it is anticipated that the federal government will pay for the costs incident to the measure, there is always the possibility that such funds may not be available at some future date. In that case, the state would have to pay the costs. Perhaps the bill should be amended to make its provisions contingent upon the receipt of federal funds.



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-5-81

Approved by Committee
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