

House Bill 582

In The House

January 30, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Fish and Game.
February 2, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
February 5, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
February 19, 1981	Committee recommend bill do not pass.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 582
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO PAY THE COSTS OF
6 CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, AND MAINTAINING CONNECTING ROADS
7 BETWEEN EXISTING STATE HIGHWAYS AND STATE PARKS; AMENDING
8 SECTION 23-1-104, MCA."

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

11 Section 1. Section 23-1-104, MCA, is amended to read:
12 "23-1-104. Connecting roads. The department of
13 highways ~~may shall~~ construct, improve, and maintain, with
14 ~~state-highway funds of the department of fish, wildlife, and~~
15 ~~parks,~~ connecting roads between existing state highways and
16 state parks. Each road shall not exceed a total length of 10
17 miles."

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INTRODUCED BILL
HB 582

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. _____

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 2, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB582 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:

An act to require the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to pay the costs of constructing, improving, and maintaining connecting roads between existing state highways and state parks.

Assumptions:

The assumption was made that "state highways" include secondary highways and that "state highways" does not mean primary highways of the state. In addition the department has several classes of sites, including state parks, recreation areas, monuments and fishing access sites. HB582 was assumed to mean only "state parks." If this is not the intent, the fiscal note figures will have to be revised drastically upward. The state parks system includes: 10 state parks; 61 recreation areas; 18 monuments; 1 recreation road (approximately 35 mi.); and 197 fishing access sites. Maintenance functions only were considered since new construction would lie beyond the FY83 limitations. Inflation was assumed to be 12% per year. The division between labor and operating expenses was arbitrarily divided evenly.

Fiscal Impact:

	<u>FY82</u>	<u>FY83</u>
Expenditures under proposed law		
Personal Services	\$35,705.00	\$39,995.00
Operating Expenses	<u>35,705.00</u>	<u>39,995.00</u>
Total expenditures under proposed law	\$71,410.00	\$79,990.00
Less: Expenditures under current law	\$ 627.00	\$ 702.00
Personal Services	\$ 627.00	\$ 702.00
Operating Expenses	<u>628.00</u>	<u>703.00</u>
Total expenditures under current law	<u>\$ 1,255.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,405.00</u>
Increased expenditures under proposed law	\$70,155.00	\$70,155.00
General Fund	\$70,155.00	\$70,155.00

Local Impact:

County, city and to a minor extent, State Highway Department expenditures would be reduced by an amount approximating the increase in cost to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Long-Range Effects:

This bill will increase the obligations from sources of

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Long Range Effects (cont)

revenue now funding park system operations. New construction on these roads would logically come from this same source. Significant new construction will be required in the future. The only alternative available to the department to offset these increased costs is to request increased general fund revenues.

Technical or mechanical defects:

Definitions are needed of "state highway", state park: and Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks funds."