

House Bill 664

In The House

February 6, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Human Services.
February 17, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass.
February 19, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 20, 1981	Second reading do pass as amended.
February 24, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 25, 1981	Third reading passed.

In The Senate

March 3, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.
	Fiscal note requested.
March 5, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
April 3, 1981	Committee recommend bill not concurred.

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April 4, 1981	Returned from Senate not concurred.
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2 INTRODUCED BY VINCENT

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 419-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received _____, 19_____, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for H.B. 664 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:

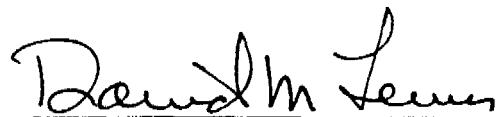
This proposal would provide a children of dissolved marriages grant program to be funded by filing fees for dissolution of marriage.

Assumptions:

1. Divorces will increase 250 per year from the calendar year 1979 level of 5,100
2. The administrative costs can be absorbed within the current level budget for SRS.

Revenue and Expenditure Impact:

	<u>FY82</u>	<u>FY83</u>
Increased Revenue	<u>\$68,700</u>	<u>\$71,700</u>
Increased Grant Expenditures	<u>\$68,700</u>	<u>\$71,700</u>



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 3/15/81

Approved by Comm. On Human Services

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18 above, the department should consider:

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