

HOUSE BILL NO. 750

INTRODUCED BY MEYER, RYAN

IN THE HOUSE

February 13, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Industry.
February 16, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
February 20, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
February 21, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 23, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks. Second reading, do pass.
February 24, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 25, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 97; Noes, 1. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

March 3, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment Relations.
March 10, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 11, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 13, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 48; Noes, 0.

IN THE HOUSE

March 14, 1981	Returned from Senate. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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7 39-71-606, MCA."

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13 to employer. (1) Every insurer under any plan for the
14 payment of workers' compensation benefits shall, within 30
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16 or deny the claim, and if denied shall inform the claimant
17 and the division in writing of such denial.

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19 ~~each employer it insures of all compensation benefits that~~
20 ~~are ongoing and are being charged against that employer's~~
21 ~~account."~~

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 391-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 18, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB 750 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:

A proposal to require every insurer of workers' compensation to notify each employer annually of all benefits that are ongoing and being charged against the employer's account.

Assumption:

- 1.) The proposed notifications would include all accidents and wage loss claims of all active employers insured with the State Compensation Insurance Fund.
- 2.) 20% of the enrolled employers have the most accidents, and computer runs for them will cost \$8.00 each. Computer runs for the remainder of the employers enrolled will cost \$3.00 each.
- 3.) Although the proposal will also affect private insurance carriers, no attempt has been made to gather that cost data.

F/Y '82

4,570 Employer Computer Runs @ \$8.00	\$ 36,560
18,280 Employer Computer Runs @ \$3.00	54,840
Mailing Envelopes	2,585
Postage	5,120
Fold/Stuff & Affix Labels	915
	<u>\$100,020</u>

F/Y '83

4,698 Employer Computer Runs @ \$8.00	\$ 37,584
18,791 Employer Computer Runs @ \$3.00	56,373
Mailing Envelopes	3,185
Postage	5,265
Fold/Stuff & Affix Labels	915
	<u>\$103,322</u>

David M. Lewis

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-19-81

Approved by Committee
on Labor & Employment
Relations

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