

Senate Bill 114

In The Senate

January 14, 1981

Introduced and referred
to Committee on State
Administration.

Fiscal note requested.

January 20, 1981

Fiscal note returned.

January 22, 1981

Committee recommend bill
do not pass.

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *114*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *STEVE BROWN* *SPEAKER*

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CREATE A PERMANENT
 5 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION."
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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

8 Section 1. State administration oversight committee --
 9 appointment and composition. (1) There is a state
 10 administration oversight committee which consists of:

11 (a) one member from each party from each of the
 12 following committees, appointed by the chairman of the
 13 respective committee:

- 14 (i) administrative code committee;
- 15 (ii) legislative audit committee;
- 16 (iii) legislative finance committee;
- 17 (iv) environmental quality council;
- 18 (v) legislative council; and
- 19 (vi) revenue oversight committee;
- 20 (b) the speaker of the house;
- 21 (c) the minority leader of the house;
- 22 (d) the president of the senate; and
- 23 (e) the minority leader of the senate.

24 (2) Members must be appointed before the 90th
 25 legislative day of a regular session.

1 Section 2. Term of office. Appointments to the
 2 committee are for 2 years. A member of the committee serves
 3 until his term of office as a legislator is ended or his
 4 successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.

5 Section 3. Vacancies. A vacancy is filled in the same
 6 manner as the original appointment is made.

7 Section 4. Officers. The committee shall elect one of
 8 its members as chairman and may elect other officers it
 9 considers necessary.

10 Section 5. Meetings and compensation. (1) The
 11 committee shall meet as often as the chairman considers
 12 necessary during and between legislative sessions but at
 13 least twice annually.

14 (2) Committee members are entitled to receive
 15 compensation and expenses as provided in 5-2-302.

16 Section 6. Staff assistance. The staffs of the
 17 committees listed in [section 1(a)] shall provide staff
 18 assistance to the committee within the limitations of any
 19 appropriation for such purpose. The staff providing
 20 assistance to the committee has the same authority of
 21 investigation, examination, and hearings on behalf of the
 22 committee as provided in 5-11-106 and 5-11-107.

23 Section 7. Duties of the committee. The committee
 24 shall:

- 25 (1) investigate the enactment of existing laws to

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1 determine if they are effectively and efficiently
2 implemented under existing governmental organizations;

3 (2) investigate the possibilities for consolidation in
4 state government;

5 (3) make recommendations for the elimination of waste
6 and duplication in legislative and executive branches of
7 government;

8 (4) report to the legislature on laws and
9 constitutional provisions that appear to conflict;

10 (5) review the operation and procedures of the
11 legislature and make recommendations for improvement of the
12 legislative process and amendment of legislative rules;

13 (6) review and establish a uniform and equitable
14 salary schedule within the legislative branch of government;
15 and

16 (7) review and approve budgets and budget amendments
17 for all legislative programs.

18 Section 8. Powers of the committee. The committee may:

19 (1) use reports published by the following committees:

20 (a) administrative code committee;

21 (b) legislative audit committee;

22 (c) legislative finance committee;

23 (d) environmental quality council;

24 (e) legislative council; and

25 (f) revenue oversight committee;

1 (2) examine any state program;

2 (3) request and shall receive from any legislative or
3 executive branch agency such assistance and data as will
4 enable the committee to fulfill its duties; and

5 (4) hold public hearings.

6 Section 9. Committee report. Prior to September 15 of
7 each year preceding a legislative session, the committee
8 shall prepare a report of its activities, together with its
9 recommendations, to be submitted to the legislature.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 97-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received _____, 19 _____, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB 114 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

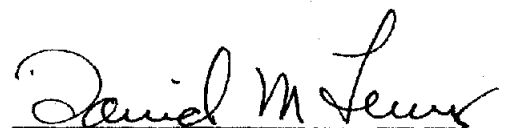
Senate Bill 114 would create a permanent oversight committee on state administration. The committee would have the power to investigate and recommend changes in a wide variety of state government activities in the legislative and executive branches of government.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. All staff assistance would be provided by existing staff from existing appropriations.
2. The committee would meet 8 times for 1 day meetings. Committee costs would be borne by an appropriation to and managed by the Legislative Council for the support of the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of committee meetings would be \$19,086 in FY 82 and \$7024 in FY 83 from general fund appropriations.



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: _____