

SENATE BILL NO. 142

INTRODUCED BY BLAYLOCK, STEPHENS

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE SENATE

January 15, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
January 16, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
January 21, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
January 22, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
January 23, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
January 24, 1981	Considered correctly engrossed.
January 26, 1981	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

January 27, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 5, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 9, 1981	Second reading, pass consideration.
	Rereferred to Committee on State Administration.

March 27, 1981

Committee recommend bill
be concurred in as amended.
Report adopted.

March 30, 1981

Second reading, concurred in.

On motion rules suspended
and bill placed on third
reading this day.

On motion rules suspended
and bill allowed to be
transmitted on 71st
legislative day.
Motion adopted.

March 31, 1981

Third reading, concurred in
as amended. Ayes, 83; Noes, 13.

IN THE SENATE

April 1, 1981

Returned from House with
amendments.

April 3, 1981

Second reading, amendments
concurred in.

April 6, 1981

Third reading, amendments
concurred in. Ayes, 46; Noes, 2.
Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 113-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 19, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 142 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:

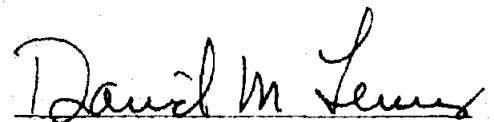
Senate Bill 142 is an act increasing the amount of reimbursement authorized the Governor for out-of-state travel from \$70 to \$95 per day.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Out-of-state travel by the Governor will not substantially increase over the next biennium.
2. An inflation factor of 15% per year is allowed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this bill is minimal; a review of preceding years' travel claims projected out with a 15%/year increase shows additional expenditures of \$170 in FY 82 and \$195 in FY 83.



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Date: 1-21-81

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AMENDMENTS-SENATE BILL 142

1. Page 2, line 8.

Following: "authorized"

Insert: "the"

2. Page 2, lines 8 and 9.

Following: "actual" on line 8

Strike: "and" through "expenses" on line 9

Insert: "cost of lodging in addition to a meal allowance"

3. Page 2, line 9.

Following: "\$70"

Strike: "\$95"

Insert: "\$30"

4. Page 2, line 18.

Following: "All"

Insert: "other"