

Senate Bill 353

In The Senate

February 2, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
	Fiscal note requested.
February 9, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
February 16, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass.
February 17, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 18, 1981	Second reading do pass.
February 19, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 20, 1981	Third reading passed.

In The House

February 21, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
March 25, 1981	Committee recommend bill not concurred.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 292-SA

FISCAL NOTE

Form BI-10

In compliance with a written request received February 2, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 353 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 is an act to provide for the auction of junk vehicles accumulated in the counties' vehicle graveyards.

Assumptions

1. It is assumed that additional staff time would be required in the graveyards to prepare the vehicles as well as advertise and administer the auctions.
2. It is assumed that there will be minor costs related to rule changes.
3. It is assumed that numerous complaints will be generated because of the vehicles being returned to the communities from which they came.
4. It is assumed that the bid price for the junk vehicles would be approximately \$15 per ton.
5. It is assumed that the annual tonnage available for recycling will reduce by approximately 10% because of the local auctions.

Fiscal Impact

The 10% reduction in annual revenues available to the state of Montana will amount to approximately \$9,750. This means a reduction in revenues of \$19,500 over the biennium. The reduction will be in the Junk Vehicle Disposal Fund.

Affect on Local Government

\$26,000 will be generated by the counties per fiscal year and will come from the approximate sale of 650 tons at \$40 per ton for the component part vehicles. Expenditures for local government will be approximately \$11,200 for advertising and the administration of public auctions. This is estimated from 56 counties spending \$100 per day for two days per year to hold the auctions. In addition to these administrative costs, it is anticipated that there would be incidents of trespass and vandalism with damage to the physical properties of the graveyards in the amount of approximately \$500 per graveyard per year or \$28,000.

The net effect of the loss to the locals would then be approximately \$13,000 per year with passage of the proposed legislation.

Technical Note

Various rule changes will be necessary with the possibility of hearings.

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Date: 2-9-81

Approved by Comm.
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