

Senate Bill 435

In The Senate

February 11, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.  Fiscal note requested.
February 16, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
February 19, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended.
February 20, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 21, 1981	Second reading indefinitely postponed.

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 2 INTRODUCED BY *[Signature]*  
 3 *(By Request)*  
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 14 social and rehabilitation services for administrative  
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3 needs of Hispanics.

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Approved by Committee  
on State Administration

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 359-81

FISCAL NOTE

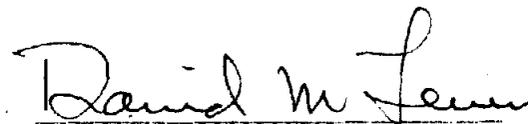
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In compliance with a written request received 2-11, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for S.B. 435 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

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.

This proposal would establish a Montana Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

Assuming the Commission hires no staff and meets once a month, this proposal would increase general fund expenditures by \$8,100 for each year of the biennium.



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-12-81