

HOUSE BILL NO. 708

Introduced: 02/10/83

Referred to Committee on Human Services: 02/10/83

Hearing: 2/18/83

Report: 02/21/83, Do Pass, As Amended

2nd Reading: 02/22/83, Do Pass

3rd Reading: 02/23/83, Do Pass

Transmitted to Senate: 2/23/83

Referred to Committee on Public Health, Welfare, & Safety:
3/1/83

Hearing: 3/16/83

Report: 3/24/83, Be Not Concurred In, As Amended

Bill Killed: 3/24/83

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15 effective July 1, 1983.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 383-83

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received February 14, 19 83, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 708 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:

House Bill 708 establishes statutory provisions for the low income energy assistance program and provides for administration of the low income energy assistance program and the home weatherization program by community non-profit entities.

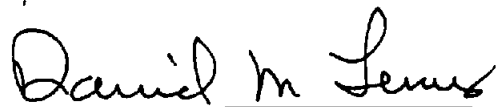
ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1) Assume state administrative costs will continue to be less than 5%.
- 2) Assume that Section 1, paragraph (2)(c) does not require payment for "state-recognized residential placements".

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposal does not change low income energy assistance or weatherization grant levels. It does limit the type of organizations that can administer the program and while there would be some shifting of costs between administering agencies, there should be no overall increase or decrease in expenditures.

FISCAL NOTE 13:CC/1



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-17-83

1 STATEMENT OF INTENT

2 HOUSE BILL 708

3 House Human Services Committee
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11 is expected that the Department will vary eligibility and
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13 of persons to be served. The low income energy program is
14 expected to be available evenly statewide, with substate
15 entities administering the program relating to eligibility
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Approved by Comm. On Human Services

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

~~NEW SECTION.~~ Section 1. Low-income energy assistance program. (1) The department of social and rehabilitation services shall administer the low-income energy assistance program as provided in 42 U.S.C. 8621, et seq.

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eligibility and administration as follows:

(a) The rules must be consistent with federal rules when such consistency is required for receipt of federal funding.

(b) Distribution of funds must be based upon the income of the recipient, the ~~SIZE AND~~ type of dwelling to be heated, the type of energy used for heat, and the climatic conditions in which the dwelling is located.

(c) Only one grant per dwelling may be made, but grants may be combined when eligible recipients live in state-recognized residential placements.

(d) The rules must provide for administration of funds, including funds for administrative expenses of contracting entities, payments to energy vendors, and outreach programs.

(e) The department may retain not more than 5% of the program funds for administration if such retention is allowed by federal law.

(3) The department in contracting for local administration of the program shall give priority to the same entities operating the home weatherization program established in 90-4-202.

Section 2. Section 90-4-202, MCA, is amended to read:

"90-4-202. Allocation formula. (1) The department of social and rehabilitation services may use not more than 5%

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