# HOUSE BILL NO. 751

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE

REGULATION OF RURAL COOPERATIVE UTILITIES BY THE PUBLIC

SERVICE COMMISSION; REPEALING SECTION 35-18-104, MCA."

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

Section 1. Repealer. Section 35-18-104, MCA, is

repealed.

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#### STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 397-83

## 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 751 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 751 authorizes the regulation of rural cooperative utilities by the Public Service Commission and repeals Section 35-18-104, MCA.

## ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1) There are 10 rural telephone coops and 27 rural electric coops.
- 2) Regulation of these coops would require additional staff: 2 rate analysts (Grade 14 plus benefits), one rate design economist; and one secretary (Grade 7 plus benefits).

Expenditures: Personal Services	<u>FY84</u>	FY85	Biennium
Two rate analysts plus one rate designer economist	\$ 72,353	\$ 72,353	\$144,706
One Secretary Total	\$ 86,424	\$ 86,424	$\frac{28,142}{\$172,848}$
Operating Equipment Total Cost to General Fund	12,400 6,872 \$105,696	13,144 -0- \$ 99,568	25,544 6,872 \$205,264

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BUDGET DIRECTOR

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