

HOUSE BILL NO. 785

INTRODUCED BY D. BROWN, ADDY, HARPER, KEMMIS, ECK,
FULLER, IVERSON, SPAETH, MARKS, TURNAGE, BERTELSEN

IN THE HOUSE

February 14, 1983

Introduced and referred to
Committee on Appropriations.

March 28, 1983

Committee recommend bill do
pass as amended. Report
adopted.

Bill printed and placed on
members' desks.

Second reading, do pass as
amended.

Third reading, passed.
Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 5, 1983

Introduced and referred to
Committee on Finance and
Claims.

April 13, 1983

Committee recommend bill be
concurrent in. Report
adopted.

April 14, 1983

Second reading, concurred in.

April 15, 1983

Third reading, concurred in.
Ayes, 48; Noes, 0.

IN THE HOUSE

April 15, 1983

Returned to House.

April 16, 1983

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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3 *Eck* *Fuller* *Jensen* *Spence* *Marks* *Turnage*
4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONTRACT FOR ESTABLISHMENT
6 OF THE MONTANA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE FOR
7 COLLECTION AND USE OF NATURAL RESOURCE DATA; TO PROVIDE AN
8 APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONTRACT TO ESTABLISH THE PROGRAM; TO
9 PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-501,
10 15-32-107, AND 15-51-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
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14 including the Departments of Natural Resources and
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16 and Environmental Sciences; and Agriculture and various
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22 system would be extremely costly because of the unique and
23 distinctly different requirements of each department; and
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25 development of separate but compatible systems and to

1 catalog this data and make it available for department and
2 statewide use; and
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11 and the methods used by those state programs are available
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3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

4 ~~NEW_SECTION.~~ Section 1. Establishment of a Montana
5 natural heritage program. The department of administration
6 shall contract for a period of 2 years for the establishment
7 of the Montana natural heritage program. This program is
8 intended to be the first component of an integrated and
9 comprehensive natural resource data collection, storage, and
10 retrieval system and to be compatible with similar programs
11 in other states. At the end of the 2-year contract, the
12 department shall assume full responsibility for the
13 maintenance and enhancement of the program.

14 ~~NEW_SECTION.~~ Section 2. Natural resource information
15 system -- development. A steering committee composed of
16 representatives of the departments of natural resources and
17 conservation; fish, wildlife, and parks; state lands; health
18 and environmental sciences; and agriculture and of the
19 university system shall advise the department of
20 administration on development and administration of a
21 comprehensive natural resource information system. The
22 steering committee must be coordinated by the office of the
23 governor.

24 ~~NEW_SECTION.~~ Section 3. Departments to submit data.
25 (1) The department of administration, in consultation with

1 the steering committee established in [section 2], shall
2 establish criteria for the categories and types of natural
3 resource data to be included in and added to the natural
4 resource information system and the Montana natural heritage
5 program.

6 (2) The departments of natural resources and
7 conservation; fish, wildlife, and parks; state lands; health
8 and environmental sciences; and agriculture and appropriate
9 units of the university system shall submit relevant natural
10 resource data as required under subsection (1) to the
11 department of administration for inclusion in the Montana
12 natural heritage program and in other components of the
13 natural resource information system.

14 ~~NEW_SECTION.~~ Section 4. Availability of information.
15 (1) The department of administration shall make the
16 information from the natural heritage program available to
17 agencies of state government and interested organizations
18 and individuals.

19 (2) The department shall establish and periodically
20 revise a system of user fees to cover the costs of
21 responding to requests for information.

22 ~~NEW_SECTION.~~ Section 5. Funding. (1) The
23 administrative and operating expenses necessary to develop
24 and maintain the Montana natural heritage program must be
25 paid from the revenues derived from the electric energy

1 producers' license tax established in 15-51-101 to the
2 natural resource information system account.

3 (2) The department of administration may receive
4 grants or other funds from private and public sources for
5 the purposes of [sections 1 through 5].

6 Section 6. Section 15-1-501, MCA, is amended to read:

7 "15-1-501. Disposition of moneys from certain
8 designated license and other taxes. (1) The state treasurer
9 shall deposit to the credit of the state general fund all
10 moneys received by him from the collection of:

11 (a) automobile driver's license fees under subsections
12 (1) through (6) of 61-5-111;

13 (b) ~~all funds derived from the electric energy~~
14 ~~producers' license taxes under chapter 51 that~~
15 ~~remain after allocation under 15-51-101 for the purposes~~
16 ~~provided in [sections 1 through 5];~~

17 (c) metalliferous mines license taxes under chapter
18 37;

19 (d) oil and gas severance taxes allocated to the
20 general fund under chapter 36;

21 (e) liquor license taxes under Title 16;

22 (f) telephone license taxes under chapter 53; and

23 (g) inheritance and estate taxes under Title 72,
24 chapter 16.

25 (2) Seventy-five percent of all moneys received from

1 the collection of income taxes under chapter 30 and
2 corporation license and income taxes under chapter 31,
3 except as provided in 15-31-702, shall be deposited in the
4 general fund subject to the prior pledge and appropriation
5 of such income tax and corporation license tax collections
6 for the payment of long-range building program bonds. The
7 remaining 25% of the proceeds of the corporation license
8 tax, excluding that allocated to the counties under
9 15-31-702, corporation income tax, and income tax shall be
10 deposited to the credit of the earmarked revenue fund for
11 state equalization aid to the public schools of Montana.

12 (3) The state treasurer shall also deposit to the
13 credit of the state general fund all moneys received by him
14 from the collection of license taxes, fees, and all net
15 revenues and receipts from all other sources under the
16 operation of the Montana Alcoholic Beverage Code."

17 Section 7. Section 15-32-107, MCA, is amended to read:

18 "15-32-107. Loans by utilities and financial
19 institutions -- tax credit for interest differential. (1) A
20 public utility providing electricity or natural gas may
21 install or pay for the installation of energy conservation
22 materials or recognized nonfossil forms of energy generation
23 systems in a dwelling. The utility may agree with the
24 occupant of the dwelling that the occupant shall reimburse
25 the utility for its expenditure in periodic installment

1 payments added to the occupant's regular bill for
2 electricity or natural gas. The utility may charge interest
3 not exceeding the equivalent of 7% per year on the declining
4 balance of the sum advanced for the installation of energy
5 conservation materials and recognized nonfossil forms of
6 energy generation systems.

7 {2} A financial institution, as defined in 32-6-103,
8 may offer and make loans at an interest rate not less than 2
9 percentage points below the discount rate on 90-day
10 commercial paper in effect at the federal reserve bank in
11 the ninth federal reserve district.

12 {3} A public utility or a financial institution
13 lending money under this section may compute the difference
14 between interest it actually receives on such transactions
15 and the interest which would have been received at the
16 prevailing average interest rate for home improvement loans,
17 as prescribed in rules made by the public service
18 commission. The utility may apply the difference so computed
19 as a credit against its tax liability for the electrical
20 energy producer's license tax under 15-51-101 or for the
21 corporation license tax under chapter 31, part 1. The
22 public service commission shall regulate rates in such a
23 manner that a utility making loans under this section may
24 not make a profit as the result of this section. The
25 financial institution may apply the difference so computed

1 as a credit against its tax liability for the corporation
2 license tax under chapter 31, part 1.

3 {4} A utility may not claim a tax credit under this
4 section exceeding ~~the revenues deposited to the general fund~~
5 ~~under 15-51-103(1)(b) or \$500,000 in any tax year, whichever~~
6 ~~is less.~~ A financial institution may not claim a tax credit
7 under this section exceeding \$2,000 in any tax year.

8 {5} The public service commission may make rules to
9 implement this section as it shall apply to public utilities
10 only."

11 Section 8. Section 15-51-103, MCA, is amended to read:

12 "15-51-103. Disposition of revenue -- interest on
13 delinquency. ~~The--department--of--revenue--shall--receipt~~
14 ~~therefor--and--promptly--turn--the--same--over--to--the--state~~
15 ~~treasurer. (1) Revenues from the license tax must be~~
16 ~~deposited as follows:~~

17 ~~(a) 10% but not more than \$200,000, to the earmarked~~
18 ~~revenue fund to the credit of a natural resource information~~
19 ~~system account for use by the department of administration~~
20 ~~for the purposes of [sections 1 through 5];~~

21 ~~(b) the remainder to the general fund.~~

22 {2} Taxes not met on the due date shall become
23 delinquent, and a penalty of 10% plus interest at the rate
24 of 1% per month or fraction of a month computed on the total
25 of tax and penalty shall be charged."

1 NEW SECTION. Section 9. Appropriation. There is
2 appropriated from the natural resource information system
3 account in the earmarked revenue fund the amount of \$320,000
4 for the biennium ending June 30, 1985, to the department of
5 administration for the purpose of contracting for the
6 establishment of the Montana natural heritage program.

7 NEW SECTION. Section 10. Effective date. This act is
8 effective July 1, 1983.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 430-83

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 16, , 19 83 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 785 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. 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:

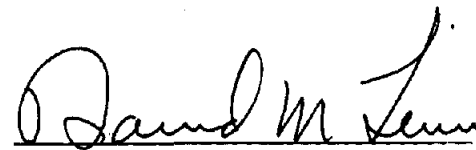
House Bill 785 requires the Department of Administration to contract for the establishment of the Montana Natural Heritage Program to provide a system for the collection and use of selected natural resource data.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1) In addition to the cost of the contracted services of \$320,000, additional costs have been identified which will be required to implement the project and process the data on the state's computer system.
 - a. 1.0 FTE will be required to act as program manager to administer the contract, to coordinate information needs of the departments, and to insure the system contracted for, is compatible with existing systems now operating on the state's computer system.
 - b. Operating costs will be incurred to store and process the natural resource data on the state's computer system.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditures:	<u>FY84</u>	<u>FY85</u>	<u>Total Biennium</u>
Personal Services	\$ 30,500	\$ 30,500	\$ 61,000
Contracted Services	160,000	160,000	320,000
Other Operating Expenses	5,000	50,000	55,000
Participating Agencies' Expense	30,000	35,000	65,000
	<u>\$225,500</u>	<u>\$275,500</u>	<u>\$501,000</u>

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BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-21-83

COMMENTS:

Continuing operational costs are estimated to be \$180,000 per biennium in the future. This is the first phase of an integrated natural resource information collection, storage and retrieval system and additional costs may be necessary to expand and enhance the system in the future.

FISCAL NOTE 15: Y/2

Approved by Comm.
on Appropriations

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15 8], the following definitions apply:

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1 (2) The department of administration may apply for and
2 may receive funding from private and public sources for the
3 purposes of [sections 1 through 8] and any such funds are
4 appropriated to the department for such purposes.

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REFERENCE BILL

MISSING