

SENATE BILL NO. 264
INTRODUCED BY GRAHAM, GALT

IN THE SENATE

January 24, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
January 25, 1983	Fiscal Note requested.
January 31, 1983	Fiscal Note returned.
February 22, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
	Statement of Intent attached.
February 23, 1983	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 28, 1983	Second reading, pass consideration.
March 1, 1983	Second reading, pass consideration.
March 2, 1983	Second reading, do pass. Statement of Intent, do pass as amended.
March 3, 1983	Correctly engrossed.
March 4, 1983	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 46; Noes, 3. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

March 7, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
March 21, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.

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Second reading, concurred
in.

March 23, 1983

Third reading, concurred
in.

IN THE SENATE

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Returned to Senate. Sent
to enrolling.

Reported correctly
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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 229-83

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received January 25, 19 83, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 264 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.

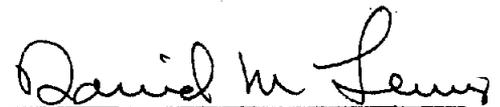
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Senate Bill 264 allows the Department of Revenue to impute a value on coal whenever the operator of a mine subjects the coal to processing that improves its quality.

FISCAL IMPACT:

It is not anticipated that the proposed legislation will have a fiscal impact during the biennium because currently no coal producers are using a benefaction process to improve the quality of the coal.

FISCAL NOTE 8/V/1



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-31-83

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SECOND READING

SB264

Approved by committee
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