SENATE BILL NO. 463

Introduced: 02/18/83

Referred to Committee on Labor & Employment Relations: 02/18/83
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    Bill Killed.

1   _Senate_ BILL NO. _463_

2   INTRODUCED BY _McCallum___ Bob Brown, Fuller_

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4   A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE EXTENDED

5   UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT COVERAGE; AMENDING SECTION 39-51-2204,

6   MCA."

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

9   Section 1. Section 39-51-2204, MCA, is amended to

10 read:

11   "39-51-2204. Duration of benefits. [1] Any otherwise

12 eligible individual shall be entitled during his benefit

13 year to benefits for the total number of weeks appearing in

14 the following table on the line which includes his ratio of

15 total base period earnings to highest quarter base period

16 earnings:

17 Ratio of Total Base Period

18 Earnings to High Quarter   Week's Duration

19   At Least   Less Than   of Benefits

At Least	Less Than	Week's Duration of Benefits
0	1.25	8
1.25	1.50	10
1.50	1.75	12
1.75	2.00	14
2.00	2.25	16
2.25	2.50	18
2.50	2.75	20
2.75	3.00	22
3.00	3.25	24
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[2] (a) Subject to subsections (2)(b) through (2)(e), whenever the rate of insured unemployment, as defined in 39-51-2501, equals or exceeds 115% of the average for the corresponding 13-week period ending in each of the preceding 2 calendar years and the current insured unemployment rate equals or exceeds 4%, there is a state-extended duration benefit period.

(b) The duration and eligibility requirements for state-extended duration benefits are the same as for extended benefits as provided for in part 25 of this chapter.

(c) State-extended duration benefits must be discontinued for a period of at least 13 weeks if:

(i) the rate of insured unemployment falls below 115% or the current insured unemployment rate falls below 4%; and

(ii) state-extended duration benefits or benefits under 39-51-2502 or 39-51-2504 are in effect and have been in effect for 13 weeks or more.

(d) State-extended duration benefits may not be in effect at any time that the benefits under 39-51-2502 or 39-51-2504 are in effect.

1   (e) The combined duration of state-extended duration

2 benefits and the benefits under 39-51-2502 or 39-51-2504 may

3 not exceed 50% of the duration of benefits for which the

4 claimant is eligible under subsection (1)."

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In compliance with a written request received __February 18,__ , 19 __83__ , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for __Senate Bill 463__ 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 463 establishes an extended unemployment benefits duration program to be paid by Unemployment Insurance trust fund and to trigger on when the current insured unemployment rate equals or exceeds 4% and equals or exceeds 115% of the average for the corresponding 13 week period in the last 2 calendar years.
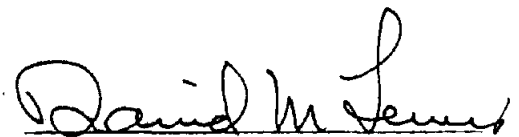
ASSUMPTIONS:

1) Assume regular EB program triggers on for 13 weeks each FY. Assume additional 13 week EB program will occur each FY under proposed bill.
2) Assume total EB payments of 35,000 for each EB program in FY84; 32,000 for each EB program in FY85.
3) Assume regular EB program state-share cost at 100% of first EB pay and 50% of all subsequent pays; assume additional 13 week extended duration program to be funded entirely by state Unemployment Isurance trust fund.
4) Assume average weekly benefit amount of $138 in FY84 and $150 in FY85.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Cost of Extended Benefits	FY84	FY85
Under Current Law	$2,863,500	$2,850,000
Under Proposed Law	7,663,500	7,650,000
Increase In Benefit Expenditures	$4,800,000	$4,800,000

FISCAL NOTE 15: X/1

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