

HOUSE BILL NO. 49

1/07 Introduced  
1/07 Referred to Human Services & Aging  
1/09 Hearing  
1/10 Fiscal Note Requested  
1/16 Fiscal Note Received  
1/17 Adverse Committee Report  
1/18 Bill Killed

1                   HOUSE     BILL NO.    49  
2  INTRODUCED BY    HARRINGTON

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4  A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTIES AND  
5  THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO  
6  PROVIDE SENIOR CITIZENS ACCESS TO FOOD STAMPS AND OTHER  
7  PROGRAMS IN CONVENIENT LOCATIONS OTHER THAN COUNTY WELFARE  
8  OFFICES; AMENDING SECTION 53-2-306, MCA."

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

11       Section 1. Section 53-2-306, MCA, is amended to read:

12       "53-2-306. County department charged with local  
13 administration of public assistance. Except in a county that  
14 has transferred its public assistance and protective  
15 services responsibilities to the department of social and  
16 rehabilitation services under part 8 of this chapter, the  
17 county department of public welfare shall:

18       (1) be charged with the local administration of all  
19 forms of public assistance operations in the county,  
20 including but not limited to food stamp programs and social  
21 services programs; ~~All~~ all such local administration must  
22 conform to federal and state law and the rules as  
23 established by the department of social and rehabilitation  
24 services; and

25       (2) make application forms for food stamp assistance

1 and other programs affecting the elderly available to senior  
2 citizens in a community focal point, or by mail, and shall  
3 establish a community focal point as a certification site to  
4 conduct food stamp certification interviews with senior  
5 citizen applicants. A "community focal point" means a place  
6 or mobile unit in a community or neighborhood designated by  
7 an area agency for the collation and coordination of  
8 services to older persons."

9       NEW SECTION. Section 2. Senior citizen access to food  
10 stamps -- department of social and rehabilitation services.  
11 The department of social and rehabilitation services shall,  
12 to the fullest extent possible in conformance with federal  
13 law, provide for the administration of food stamp assistance  
14 to senior citizens, and other programs affecting the  
15 elderly, in convenient locations in addition to county  
16 welfare offices.

17       NEW SECTION. Section 3. Extension of authority. Any  
18 existing authority of the department of social and  
19 rehabilitation services to make rules on the subject of the  
20 provisions of this act is extended to the provisions of this  
21 act.

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STATE OF MONTANA  
FISCAL NOTE

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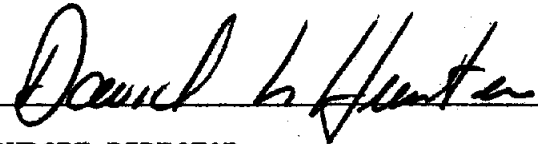
In compliance with a written request received January 11, 19 85, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for H.B. 49 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA). Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Bill 49 would require counties and the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to provide senior citizen access to Food Stamps and other programs in convenient locations other than county welfare offices; amending section 53-2-306, MCA.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Four (4) hours of service each week in each of the 147 senior centers.
2. Average travel time, 1 hour for each visit each center.
3. Average distance, 60 round trip miles from certification office to each center.
4. Noon meal per diem for 73 centers located in excess of 15 miles from county office.
5. Average pay level per E.T., grade 10, step 2, +22% benefits, 1985 matrix plus 2% for 1986 + 2% for 1987.
6. Senior center will provide facility, telephone and copier use.
7. Hours saved on in-office certifications is based on estimate that 25% of the 3,176 recipients over 55 will be certified at the centers. For each certification it takes 44.8 minutes.
8. Funding assumes 60% of eligibility staff are in state administered counties and 40% are in non-state administered counties.

  
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BUDGET DIRECTOR  
Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: JAN 15, 1985

FISCAL IMPACTS:

<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>FY 1986</u>	<u>FY 1987</u>
FTE	18.00	18.00
Personal Services	\$ 337,635	\$ 344,399
Travel	95,397	99,213
Per Diem	14,370	14,370
Total	\$ 447,402	\$ 457,982

Funding

General Fund (state assumed)	144,958	148,386
County (non-state assumed)	96,639	98,924
Federal (state assumed)	123,483	126,403
(non-state assumed)	82,322	84,269
Total	\$ 447,402	\$ 210,672

AFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES:

Share of increased expenditures for each non-state administered county is 54%. (See assumptions).

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

The general fund share may increase depending if and/or when county(ies) request state assumption.

TECHNICAL OR MECHANICAL DEFECTS OR CONFLICTS WITH EXISTING LEGISLATION:

Introduced version of this bill applies to non-state administered counties. The authority for determining certification sites is given to an area agency which may conflict with current legislative authority of the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.