

HOUSE BILL NO. 74

1/07 Introduced  
1/07 Referred to State Administration  
1/08 Hearing  
1/08 Adverse Committee Report  
1/09 Fiscal Note Requested  
1/09 Fiscal Note Received  
1/09 Bill Killed

1                    HOUSE    BILL NO. 74  
2    INTRODUCED BY    JONES

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4    A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED:    "AN ACT TO EQUALIZE  
5    REIMBURSEMENT FOR IN-STATE AND OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL EXPENSES  
6    OF PERSONS IN STATE SERVICE; AMENDING SECTION 2-18-501,  
7    MCA."

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

10            Section 1. Section 2-18-501, MCA, is amended to read:

11            "2-18-501. Meals, lodging, and transportation of  
12    persons in state service. Every elected official, appointed  
13    members of boards, commissions, councils, department  
14    directors, and all other state employees shall be reimbursed  
15    for meals and lodging while away from the person's  
16    designated headquarters and engaged in official state  
17    business in accordance with the following provisions:

18            ~~(1) For travel within the state of Montana, the~~  
19    ~~following provisions apply:~~

20            ~~(a) The governor shall be authorized actual and~~  
21    ~~necessary expenses not to exceed \$55 per day.~~

22            ~~(b) All other elected state officials, appointed~~  
23    ~~members of boards, commissions, councils, department~~  
24    ~~directors, and all other state employees shall be authorized~~  
25    ~~the actual cost of lodging not exceeding \$24 per day except~~

1    ~~as provided in subsection (3), plus \$3 for the morning meal,~~  
2    ~~\$3.50 for the midday meal, and \$8 for the evening meal. All~~  
3    ~~claims for lodging expense reimbursement allowed under this~~  
4    ~~section must be documented by an appropriate receipt.~~

5            ~~(2) For travel out of the state of Montana, the~~  
6    ~~following provisions apply:~~

7            ~~(a)(1) The governor shall be authorized the actual~~  
8    ~~cost of lodging in addition to a meal allowance not to~~  
9    ~~exceed \$30 per day.~~

10            ~~(b)(2) All other elected state officials, appointed~~  
11    ~~members of boards, commissions, councils, department~~  
12    ~~directors, and all other state employees shall be authorized~~  
13    ~~the actual cost of lodging not exceeding \$50 per day, except~~  
14    ~~as provided in subsection (3), plus \$4 for the morning meal,~~  
15    ~~\$6.50 for the midday meal, and \$12 for the evening meal.~~  
16    ~~All claims for the lodging expense reimbursement allowed~~  
17    ~~under this subsection must be documented by an appropriate~~  
18    ~~receipt.~~

19            (3) All other elected state officials, appointed  
20    members of boards, commissioners, council, department  
21    directors, and all other state employees shall be authorized  
22    the actual cost of lodging when traveling in the normal  
23    course of their duties to certain designated areas. The  
24    department of administration shall designate those areas  
25    where the actual cost of lodging shall be reimbursed.



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1           (4) When other than commercial, nonreceiptable lodging  
2 facilities are utilized by a state employee while conducting  
3 official state business in a travel status, the amount of \$7  
4 will be authorized for lodging expenses for each day in  
5 which travel involves an overnight stay in lieu of the  
6 amount authorized in subsection ~~(1)(b)~~ (2)(b) above.  
7 However, when overnight accommodations are provided at the  
8 expense of any government entity, no reimbursement may be  
9 claimed for lodging.

10           (5) The actual cost of reasonable transportation  
11 expenses and other necessary business expenses incurred by a  
12 state official or employee while in an official travel  
13 status shall be subject to reimbursement.

14           (6) The provisions of this section shall not be  
15 construed as affecting the validity of 5-2-301.

16           (7) The department of administration shall prescribe  
17 rules necessary to effectively administer this section for  
18 state government.

19           (8) All commercial air travel shall be by the least  
20 expensive class service available."

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STATE OF MONTANA  
FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST NO. FNN 063-85

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 10, 19 85, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for H.B. 74 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:

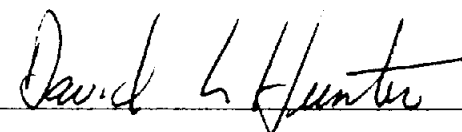
An Act To Equalize Reimbursement For In-State and Out-of-State Travel Expenses Of Persons In State Service.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- (1) Travel Budgets for in-state meals and lodging will be approved as presented in the Governor's Budget, and adjusted for the anticipated cost increase.
- (2) Based on these budgets - in-state meal days equal 118,586 in 86 and 118,659 in 87  
- in-state lodging days equal 64,147 in 86 and 64,286 in 87.
- (3) Out-of-state meal and lodging rates will not increase.
- (4) Average lodging expense in-state will be \$35 per night.
- (5) Travel expenditures by fund will be the same percentage as experienced in FY 1984.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditures:	<u>FY 86</u>	<u>FY 87</u>
Travel		
Under Current Law	\$ 3,259,037	\$ 3,263,416
Under Proposed Law	<u>4,913,330</u>	<u>4,919,838</u>
Estimated Cost Increase	<u>1,654,293</u>	<u>\$ 1,656,422</u>
Funding of Increased Cost:		
General Fund	\$ 534,337	\$ 535,024
Other	<u>1,119,956</u>	<u>1,121,398</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,654,293</u>	<u>\$ 1,656,422</u>



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