

HOUSE BILL NO. 493

INTRODUCED BY NATHE, FRITZ

IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 27, 1987 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.

FEBRUARY 12, 1987 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL
DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 13, 1987 PRINTING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 14, 1987 SECOND READING, DO PASS.

FEBRUARY 16, 1987 ENGROSSING REPORT.

 THIRD READING, PASSED.
 AYES, 69; NOES, 23.

 TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 17, 1987 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.

MARCH 18, 1987 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

MARCH 20, 1987 SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 23, 1987 THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
 AYES, 45; NOES, 3.

 RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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MARCH 23, 1987 RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

 SENT TO ENROLLING.

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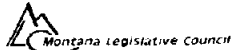
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14 vehicle traveling on a primary or interstate highway in
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HB-493

STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB493, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act that requires the Department of Highways to design and erect, at relevant locations, two signs, one in each direction, that identifies each mountain range that is visible to an occupant of a vehicle traveling on a Primary or Interstate Highway in Montana.

ASSUMPTIONS:

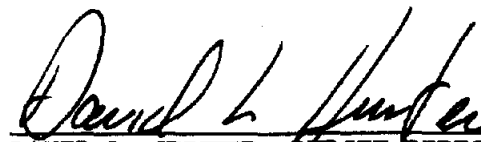
1. There are 39 Mountain Ranges that were identified on the 1985-1986 official highway map.
2. It is estimated that each range will require an average of 3 locations (6 signs) to adequately identify them. Total signs will be 234.
3. The sign size for the Interstate will be 10' by 3' and for the Primary will be 8' by 2' 6". Color will be silver letters on brown background as per the requirements of the manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Signs of this size require a 2 post installation.
4. Costs for fabrication and installation are at today's rates. No inflation figure was utilized. Fabrication and installation to be done with highway maintenance personnel. Sign costs are derived from actual material costs. Sign fabrication labor is average time spent on signs of this size. Installation costs were derived from the maintenance management system and include travel time.
5. It is estimated that 15% or 36 of the signs will be on the Interstate and 85% or 198 signs will be on the Primary.
6. Funding will be 100% from the State.
7. Half the signs would be installed in FY88 and half in FY89.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY88</u>			<u>FY89</u>		
	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Increased Hwy. Earmarked Special Rev. Fund Expend.	\$ 0	\$ 20,517	\$ 20,517	\$ 0	\$ 20,517	\$ 20,517

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Would require annual maintenance on signs due to vandalism and impact by vehicles. No costs were determined at this time. Refurbishing would cost \$18,456 in FY95 and \$18,456 in FY96. Removal and installation costs would be \$7,753.59 each year of FY95 and FY96.

 DATE 1/29/87
 DAVID L. HUNTER, BUDGET DIRECTOR
 Office of Budget and Program Planning

 DATE _____
 DENNIS NATHE, PRIMARY SPONSOR

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