

SJR 7      INTRODUCED BY ECK, KEENAN  
JOINT RESOLUTION TO URGE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
            TO TAKE COMPUTERIZED TAX RETURNS

1/21    INTRODUCED  
1/21    REFERRED TO TAXATION  
1/21    FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED  
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1/31    HEARING  
2/02    TABLED IN COMMITTEE

1 ~~Senate~~ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7  
2 INTRODUCED BY Bob Keena

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO INSTITUTE TAX RETURN FILING BY  
7 MEANS OF COMPUTER.

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9 WHEREAS, thousands of tax returns are required to be  
10 filed by Montanans each year with the Department of Revenue  
11 for a variety of taxes; and

12 WHEREAS, much of the information required to be filed  
13 with the Department of Revenue is duplicative of information  
14 stored on computers of taxpayers or their return preparers;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, considerable time could be saved in  
17 preparation and data entry of returns if the Department of  
18 Revenue could use computer-generated tax return information,  
19 thus benefiting the taxpayers.

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21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
22 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

23 That the Department of Revenue be urged to institute  
24 procedures for processing tax return information using  
25 computer-generated data, such as that stored on magnetic

1 tape or diskette on computers of taxpayers or the return  
2 preparers.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SJR007, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana urging the Department of Revenue to institute tax return filing by means of computer.

ASSUMPTIONS:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department will comply with the intent of the resolution and begin to institute an electronic filing program. In order to limit Department expenditures for computer hardware and software, the Department would develop standard specifications for electronic filing. These specifications would address filing formats, the return information, and equipment/software compatibility requirements.

When implemented, the program would result in a seasonal cost savings to the Department for data entry. The amount of savings would depend on the popularity of the program.

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