HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

Introduced by Brown, J.

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1/27	Referred to Human Services & Aging
1/27	Fiscal Note Requested
2/06	Hearing
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2/06	Fiscal Note Printed
2/07	Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended
2/11	2nd Reading Passed
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2/15	Referred to Public Health, Welfare & Safety
3/20	Hearing
	Died in Committee

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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 HJR15, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

The purpose of the resolution is to urge the Department of Family Services to review data needs and to develop and implement an automated management information system on children in out-of-home placements and services provided to meet the needs of these children.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. With the funds provided in the fiscal note the Department of Family Services will be able to:
    Develop-1. A cost benefit analysis of revising the current system or developing a new system;
    2. An analysis of the availability of desired information;
    3. System analysis, design and programming as necessary; and
    4. A cost proposal to the 52nd Legislature on future costs including equipment needs
    Implement-1. The conversion of information to a new system
    2. Testing and revision of initial system design and
    3. The collection of information from outside the DFS system

FISCAL IMPACT:

		FY90			FY91	
Expenditures:	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference
FTE	.50	1.00	.50	.50	1.50	1.00
Personal Services	$14,050	$28,102	$14,052	$14,050	$42,155	$28,105
Operations	24,200	59,500	34,300	24,200	31,300	17,100
Total	$38,250	$86,602	$48,352	$38,250	$73,455	$45,205
Funding:						
General Fund	$34,425	$77,942	$43,517	$34,425	$66,110	$40,695
Federal Funds	$ 3,825	$ 8,660	$ 4,835	$ 3,825	$ 7,345	$ 3,520

(signature) 2/4/89
RAY SHACKLEFORD, BUDGET DIRECTOR   DATE
OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

2/06/89
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