

SENATE BILL 318

Introduced by Harp, et al.

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1 *Senate* BILL NO. *318*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *HARP Owens Mercer Vincent Smith*  
 3 *Sponsored by Gilbert Alan Bob Brown*  
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TOURISM  
 5 PROMOTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AS A PERMANENT JOINT INTERIM  
 6 COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF  
 7 MEMBERS' COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES FROM THE REVENUE OF THE  
 8 LODGING FACILITY USE TAX; ESTABLISHING DUTIES OF THE  
 9 COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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 11 WHEREAS, the lodging facility tax was enacted by the  
 12 50th Legislature and the revenue from that tax is allocated  
 13 to the promotion of Montana's travel and tourism industry;  
 14 and

15 WHEREAS, the lodging facility tax contributes  
 16 significant revenue to be used for promotion and development  
 17 of one of Montana's most promising industries; and

18 WHEREAS, legislative oversight of the activities funded  
 19 from the revenue of the lodging facility tax is necessary.

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

22 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Tourism promotion oversight  
 23 committee -- composition -- terms -- vacancies. (1) There is  
 24 a tourism promotion oversight committee.

25 (2) The committee consists of four members of the

1 senate, appointed by the committee on committees, and four  
 2 members of the house of representatives, appointed by the  
 3 speaker. No more than two senators and two representatives  
 4 may be of the same political party.

5 (3) Each member of the committee serves a term of 2  
 6 years, and members must be appointed before the 90th day of  
 7 each regular session.

8 (4) If a vacancy occurs when the legislature is not in  
 9 session, the remaining members of the committee shall fill  
 10 the vacancy by selecting a member of the legislature.

11 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Officers -- meetings --  
 12 staff. (1) The committee shall elect one of its members as  
 13 chairman and may elect any other officers it considers  
 14 necessary.

15 (2) The committee meets at the call of the chairman.

16 (3) The legislative council shall provide staff  
 17 required by the committee.

18 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Compensation of members --  
 19 funding. Committee members are entitled to compensation and  
 20 expenses as provided in 5-2-302 to be paid from funds  
 21 appropriated to the department of commerce under 15-65-121.  
 22 Total expenditures for the committee members' compensation  
 23 and expenses may not exceed \$15,000 a year.

24 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Duties and powers of  
 25 committee. The committee shall:



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1 (1) become informed about tourism marketing as an  
2 economic development function;

3 (2) cooperate with the department of commerce to  
4 develop an ongoing strategy for the implementation of  
5 tourism marketing;

6 (3) make recommendations to the department of commerce  
7 concerning travel research considered important to the  
8 legislature; and

9 (4) advise the legislature on subjects of importance  
10 to Montana's travel industry.

11 NEW SECTION. **Section 5.** Effective date. [This act] is  
12 effective on passage and approval.

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## STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB318, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

SB318 would establish a Tourism Promotion Oversight Committee as a statutory interim committee of the legislature. The committee would consist of eight members, split evenly by house and party, with Legislative Council staff support. The committee is to work with the Dept. of Commerce to develop an ongoing strategy for implementation of tourism marketing, including travel research, and to advise the legislature on matters relating to tourism.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. All meetings of the committee will be one-day meetings with a cost of \$1,670 per meeting.
2. Salary for legislators will remain at \$52.13 per day and benefits will be 8% of salary.
3. Meals, lodging and mileage will remain as under current law.
4. All legislators will attend all meetings, with one-half from each house claiming salary and meals for one day and the other half requiring salary and meals for two days plus lodging for one night. Mileage for representatives will average 367 miles round trip and mileage for senators will average 383 miles round trip.
5. All costs for legislators serving on the committee will be paid by the Dept. of Commerce according to provisions of Section 3 of the proposed law.
6. The Legislative Council will provide staff to the committee with current resources.
7. The proposed law will reduce the amount available for advertisements in the Montana Promotion Division budget by actual expenditures for the committee up to \$15,000 per year. Therefore, the total appropriation will not change.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. The Dept. of Commerce does not believe 15-65-121, MCA, provides for this type of expenditure. One option might be to insert a new (1)(c) \$15,000 for the Tourism Promotion Oversight Committee and change the current law (c) to (d). Another option might be to insert language in (1)(c)(i) 75% to be used directly by the Department of Commerce for promotion and the Tourism Promotion Oversight Committee.

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*2/10/89*

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