

HOUSE BILL 31

Introduced by Raney, et al.

7/08	Introduced
7/08	Referred to Appropriations
7/08	Fiscal Note Requested
7/09	First Reading
7/10-	Hearing
7/10	Fiscal Note Received
7/10	Tabled in Committee
7/11	Fiscal Note Printed



1 the governor, to assist the county attorney of any county in  
2 the discharge of his duties or to prosecute or defend  
3 appropriate cases in which the state or any officer of the  
4 state in his official capacity is a party or in which the  
5 state has an interest;

6 (6) to give his opinion in writing, without fee, to the  
7 legislature or either house of the legislature, to any state  
8 officer, board, or commission, to any county attorney, to  
9 the city attorney of any city or town, and to the board of  
10 county commissioners of any county of the state when  
11 required upon any question of law relating to their  
12 respective offices. He shall give any such opinion within 3  
13 months following the date it is requested unless he  
14 certifies in writing to the requesting party that the  
15 question is of sufficient complexity to require additional  
16 time. If an opinion issued by the attorney general conflicts  
17 with an opinion issued by a city attorney, county attorney,  
18 or an attorney employed or retained by any state officer,  
19 board, commission, or department, the attorney general's  
20 opinion is controlling unless overruled by a state district  
21 court or the supreme court.

22 (7) to discharge the duties of a member of the board of  
23 examiners and state board of land commissioners;

24 (8) to review all proposed contracts by any executive  
25 branch agency for legal services to be performed by private

1 attorneys. The attorney general shall implement a procedure  
2 that will ensure that contracts are entered only when state  
3 attorneys are unable to perform the services and that  
4 contracts are cost-effective and financially advantageous to  
5 the state. The attorney general shall adopt rules to  
6 implement this subsection.

7 ~~(8)~~(9) to perform all other duties as required by law."

8 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date --  
9 applicability. [This act] is effective on passage and  
10 approval and applies to contracts entered after [the  
11 effective date of this act].

-End-

STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0031, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act requiring the attorney general to review proposed executive branch legal services contracts and to ensure that they are entered only when necessary and are financially advantageous to the state; and providing an immediate effective date and an applicability date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

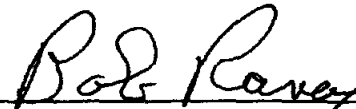
The fiscal impact to the Department of Justice should be insignificant.



7/10/92

STEVE YEAKEL, BUDGET DIRECTOR  
Office of Budget and Program Planning

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ROBERT H. RANEY, PRIMARY SPONSOR

DATE

Fiscal Note for HB0031, as introduced

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