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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0095, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act revising certain provisions regarding the sale of livestock; allowing the posting of a bond equivalent as a condition of approval for nonmarket sales and for licensure as a livestock dealer; requiring the Department of Livestock to conduct a periodic audit of livestock markets and dealers; and requiring that a notice of security agreement be signed by the affected debtor or proper legal authority.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Department of Livestock has an auditor on staff to perform livestock market and dealer audits.

FISCAL IMPACT: There will be no fiscal impact to the Department of Livestock.

DAVE LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE

Office of Budget and Program Planning

KARL OHS, PRIMARY SPONSOR

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