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House BILL NO. 145
Phil I. Bohlinger

INTRODUCED BY _____

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE OF STATE COORDINATOR FOR PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT CULTURES; PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES OF THE COORDINATOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that:

- (1) many people of different cultures in this state are confronted by problems such as unemployment, underemployment, and the lack of economic and educational opportunity;
- (2) the problems facing people of different cultures are perpetuated because there has been no concerted or faithful effort to eliminate the factors contributing to undesirable social and economic conditions for people of different cultures in the state; and
- (3) there is a need to increase the awareness of both the public sector and private sector in order to address the current problems and conditions confronting people of different cultures in Montana.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Declaration of legislative purpose. Consistent with the findings stated in [section 1], the legislature declares that it is the purpose of [sections 1 through 7] to assist and enable people of different cultures to take their rightful place in society.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Definitions. For purposes of [sections 1 through 7], unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Coordinator for people of different cultures" means the person appointed by the governor to serve in the office of state coordinator for people of different cultures as provided in [section 5].
- (2) "People of different cultures" means a person of Hispanic, Black, Asian, or other minority descent.

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Office of state coordinator for people of different

1 **cultures.** (1) There is an office of state coordinator for people of different cultures.

2 (2) The office is attached to the governor's office for administrative purposes only as provided in
3 2-15-121.

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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Appointment of state coordinator.** (1) The governor shall
6 appoint the coordinator for people of different cultures from a list of qualified people of different cultures
7 that must include the names of persons submitted by organizations representing different cultures in the
8 state.

9 (2) The governor shall set the salary of the coordinator for people of different cultures.

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11 NEW SECTION. **Section 6. Term -- vacancy in office.** (1) The coordinator for people of
12 different cultures shall serve a term of 4 years and may be reappointed by the governor for additional terms.

13 (2) A vacancy in the office must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

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15 NEW SECTION. **Section 7. Duties and responsibilities.** The coordinator for people of
16 different cultures shall:

17 (1) become acquainted with the problems confronting people of different cultures in Montana;

18 (2) focus attention on the problems of people of different cultures in the state in order to foster
19 better understanding and concern for the problems of people of different cultures;

20 (3) inform the governor and the legislature of the problems of people of different cultures and
21 recommend ways to address these problems;

22 (4) serve as a representative for people of different cultures in all matters of state government of
23 special concern to people of different cultures in the state; and

24 (5) carry out any other responsibilities consistent with the purpose of [sections 1 through 7].

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26 NEW SECTION. **Section 8. Codification instruction.** [Section 4] is intended to be
27 codified as an integral part of Title 2, chapter 15, part 2, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 15, part 2,
28 apply to [section 4].

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30 NEW SECTION. **Section 9. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 1995.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0145, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Creating the Office of State Coordinator for People of Different Cultures.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The bill is effective July 1, 1995.
2. The Coordinator for People of Different Cultures will become part of the Governor's Office.
3. The bill calls for the appointment of a state coordinator by the Governor who shall also set the salary. The assumption is that this position will be a full 1.00 FTE and will receive approximately the same salary as the Coordinator of Indian Affairs who is also appointed by the Governor (\$37,250 plus \$9,320 benefits= \$46,570).
4. The state Coordinator for People of Different Cultures will need minimal support staff for the office. It is assumed that the workload will be sufficient to require 0.50 Grade 13 FTE (\$14,523 in FY96 and \$14,573 in FY97, including benefits).
5. Operating expenses will be approximately the same as for the Office of the Coordinator of Indian Affairs. This amounts to about \$24,000 per year.
6. Start-up costs for purchase of computers, equipment and furniture will be a one-time expenditure in FY96 of \$10,000.
7. Expenditures will be made from the general fund.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditures:

	<u>FY96</u>	<u>FY97</u>
	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Governor's Office:		
FTE	1.50	1.50
Personal Services	61,093	61,143
Operating Expenses	24,000	24,000
Equipment	<u>10,000</u>	<u> </u>
Total	95,093	85,143
General Fund (01)	95,093	85,143

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

The estimated fiscal impact for the 1997 biennium will be expected to continue at a comparable level in future biennia.

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