

House BILL NO. 534

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act allowing certain undeveloped land owned by a local economic development organization to qualify as an industrial park for property tax purposes.

ASSUMPTIONS:

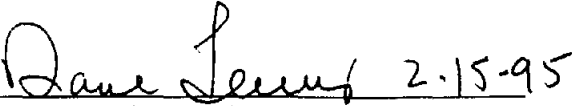
1. Under the proposal, some property currently owned by a local economic development organization may be eligible for the industrial park tax exemption (15-24-1902, MCA). The department of revenue has no data available to make an estimate of the value of property that may be granted this exemption.

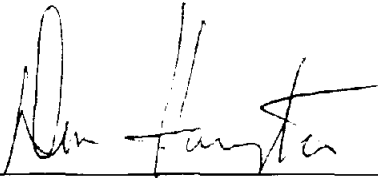
FISCAL IMPACT:

It is possible for the proposal to result in a slight decrease of property tax revenue. The decrease would depend on two factors; the value of undeveloped land owned by a local economic development organization currently taxed but under the proposal would be eligible for industrial park tax exemption, and the governing body of a county, consolidated government, or incorporated city or town approving the industrial park exemption and therefore exempting the property from the university, statewide equalization, and state assumption mill levies. Additional costs incurred with implementing the proposal could be absorbed within current funding levels

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

It is possible for the proposal to result in a slight decrease in property taxes for local governments. The decrease would depend on two factors; the value of undeveloped land owned by a local economic development organization currently taxed but under the proposal would be eligible for property tax exemption, and the local governing bodies granting the property tax exemption per 15-24-1902, MCA.

  
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