

1 *House* BILL NO. *578*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *D. Johnson* *Barnhart Smith Town*  
 3 *File* BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES *H. Gutierrez*  
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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0578, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A bill making permanent the Joint Oversight Committee on Children and Families; appropriating funds for use by the oversight committee.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Joint Oversight Committee on Children and Families will conduct six one-day meetings in Helena between July 1, 1995 and July 1, 1997.
2. The expenses of committee members will be reimbursed as allowed in 5-2-302, MCA.
3. Notwithstanding the considerations expressed in assumption #5, the estimated total costs for the 1997 biennium assuming that all members attend all meetings and including legislator salaries, mileage, per diem, contracted services, printing, postage, and miscellany for the committee is approximately \$16,966 (\$4,461 personal services for legislators; \$12,505 operating expenses). This is more than the \$12,000 biennial general fund appropriation contained in the bill.
4. The 1995 biennium expenses of this committee are \$9,136, including \$3,166 for personal services and \$5,970 for operating expenses. The 1995 biennium budget for the committee is \$10,000. According to the Legislative Council staff, not all committee members attended every meeting and no contracted services expenses were incurred other than for printing.
5. If the members of the Legislative Council choose to displace other assigned work and assign existing staff to support the committee, no additional costs would be anticipated. However, if other work assigned to the Legislative Council maximally utilizes staff resources, additional staff resources would have to be procured. In the latter instance, it is anticipated that the resources could be procured either through contracted services or by the temporary (18-months) employment of an entry level legislative researcher, including incidental expenses associated with the employee. Either option is estimated to require an additional appropriation of approximately \$50,000 above the \$12,000 appropriated in the bill.
6. The Department of Family Services will provide information and assistance to the committee within its present law base budget.

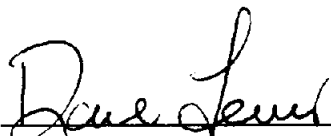
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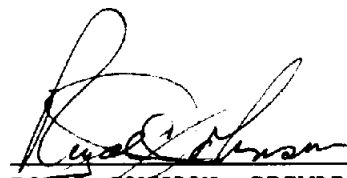
Expenditures:

A \$12,000 appropriation is authorized in section 3 of the bill.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Expenses associated with the committee will continue each biennium. The expenses will change over time as salary, mileage, and per diem rates change.

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DAVE LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR      DATE  
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 3 Feb BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES Heater  
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