

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 84

2 INTRODUCED BY KITZENBERG

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING \$45,000 FROM THE ACCOMMODATION TAX
5 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FORT PECK-NORTHEASTERN MONTANA
6 INTERPRETIVE CENTER."

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8 WHEREAS, northeastern Montana is rich in significant paleontological, prehistoric, archaeological,
9 historic, and natural treasures; and

10 WHEREAS, northeastern Montana is home to the Assiniboine, Sioux, and Gros Ventre Tribes; and

11 WHEREAS, the Homestead Era and the construction of Fort Peck Dam were momentous events in
12 the history of northeastern Montana; and

13 WHEREAS, a wealth of dinosaur remains and prehistoric and historic artifacts are not available for
14 public display because no appropriate space exists for their exhibition; and

15 WHEREAS, an interpretive center encompassing northeastern Montana's paleontology, prehistory,
16 and Indian heritage; the Homestead Era; and Fort Peck Dam would allow proper display of artifacts, provide
17 a valuable educational tool, and encourage tourists to visit the area, thereby fostering the local economy.

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

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21 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Establishment of Fort Peck-northeastern Montana interpretive center
22 -- funding. There is appropriated \$45,000 from the state special revenue fund created in 15-65-121 to the
23 department of commerce to be used as a grant for the establishment of the Fort Peck-northeastern Montana
24 interpretive center.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0084, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act appropriating \$45,000 from the accommodation tax special revenue fund for establishment of the Fort Peck-Northeastern Montana Interpretive Center.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Accomodations tax collections are estimated to be \$9.5 million in fiscal year 1998 and \$9.7 million in fiscal year 1999.
2. The \$45,000 appropriation will be removed after the Department of Revenue takes the share for collections and reimbursing the general fund for state employee travel and before the statutorial allocation to the Department of Commerce.
3. The regional tourism corporations, convention and visitor bureaus and the Travel Promotion and Development Division would see a reduction in available program funds. There would be no net impact.

FISCAL IMPACT:

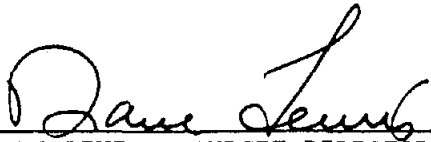
Department of Commerce
Travel Promotion and Development Division:

Expenditures:

	<u>FY98</u>	<u>FY99</u>
	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	(33,750)	0
Regional Nonprofit Tourism Corps.	(11,250)	0
Total	(45,000)	0

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

Reduction of accomodations tax funds available for disbursement to regional nonprofit tourism corporations and qualifying local convention and visitor bureaus is estimated to be \$11,250 in fiscal year 1998.

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DAVE LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
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SAM KITZENBERG, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE
Fiscal Note for HB0084, as introduced

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0084, as amended

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act appropriating \$45,000 from the fund balance in the accommodation tax special revenue fund allocated to the Montana Historical Society for sites and signs; and providing for the use of the appropriation for establishment of the Fort Peck-Northeastern Montana Interpretive Center.

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Commerce/Travel Promotion and Development Division:

1. HB 84 as amended, appropriates \$45,000 to the Department of Commerce (DOC) from the existing fund balance in the Montana Historical Society (MHS). The appropriation contained in HB 84 as amended, is to be used by the DOC for a grant for the establishment of the Fort Peck-Northeastern Montana Interpretive Center. It is assumed the grant will be awarded in fiscal year 1998.

Montana Historical Society:

2. The MHS will transfer \$45,000 to the DOC. The DOC will then grant the money for the appropriation for the establishment of the Fort Peck-Northeastern Montana Interpretive Center.
3. The MHS will see a reduction of \$45,000 in already committed expenditures in order to transfer \$45,000 in fiscal year 1998. Since fiscal year 1997 and fiscal year 1998 authority is already obligated, other services will have to be cut.
4. The fund balance in accounting entity 02123 consists of \$37,169 of cash which is attributable to the grant from DOC and should not be calculated in as available fund balance. The fund balance also includes \$16,875.60 obligated to signs in process. The balance is not sufficient to cover the transfer and fiscal year 1997 obligations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Department of Commerce

Travel Promotion & Development Division:

	<u>FY98</u>	<u>FY99</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Local Assistance/Grants	45,000	0

Montana Historical Society:

Operating Expenses	(45,000)	0
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Net Impact:

Historical Society SSR (02)	(45,000)	0
Transfer to Dept of Commerce	45,000	0


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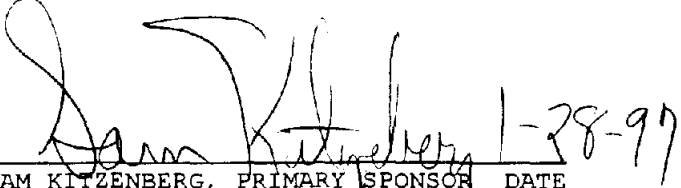
MHS predicts a possible effect on counties being able to receive signs.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

There will be a reduction in MHS services equal to the \$45,000 transfer of fund balance. This will effect current and long range plans of services provided by the MHS.

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 Office of Budget and Program Planning


 SAM KITZENBERG, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

Fiscal Note for HB0084, as amended

Am HB 84-#2

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. If the intent of the amendments to HB 84 was to appropriate funds from the MHS directly to the Fort Peck-Northeastern Montana Interpretive Center, then the reference to the "Department of Commerce" in line 23 needs to be struck.
2. In order to transfer authority, the MHS will require additional authority to transfer the \$45,000.
3. According to statutory language the appropriation to MHS from the Accommodation Tax is to be expended only on historic sites and signs.