

Senate BILL NO. 264

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2 INTRODUCED BY H. Miller Swanson Beck Bohlinger
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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for SB0264, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION: An Act authorizing the Governor to create and participate in the Western Governors' University; and providing an immediate effective date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Governor's Executive Budget contains a \$60,000 biennial appropriation for the Montana University System to help fund the Western Governors' University.
2. This item is included in the executive budget.


FISCAL IMPACT:

<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>FY98</u>	<u>FY99</u>
	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating	<u>60,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	60,000	0

Funding

Current Unrestricted	60,000	0
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EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES: none


DAVID LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning

Ken Miller, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE
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