

HOUSE BILL NO. 714

INTRODUCED BY B. MERCER

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPORTING OF ACTUAL COSTS FOR LEGISLATION WITH PROJECTED FISCAL IMPACTS; MODIFYING THE REPORTING PERIOD TO A QUARTERLY BASIS; REVISING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 5-4-208, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 6, CHAPTER 350, LAWS OF 2021."

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

**Section 1.** Section 5-4-208, MCA, is amended to read:

**"5-4-208. (Temporary) Report of actual costs for legislation with projected fiscal impact. (1)**

Except for the general appropriations act and any bill exempted by the legislature, for each bill with an estimated expenditure amount of over ~~\$1 million~~ \$500,000 from the general fund in any 1 of the 4 fiscal years identified in the bill's fiscal note, or as required in the bill, that is passed and approved for which a fiscal note is prepared and presented to the legislature, the office of budget and program planning shall prepare and present ~~an annual~~ a quarterly report to the legislative finance committee AND THE INTERIM BUDGET COMMITTEES ~~by October 1 of each year~~. The report must include the following information:

- (a) the name of the bill;
  - (b) the actual expenditures incurred based on the bill as enacted for the past entire fiscal year and a description of how the funds were expended; and
  - (c) a comparison to the projected costs of the bill as projected in the fiscal note for that same fiscal year.
- (2) The report to the legislature must include bills that qualify under subsection (1) for which a fiscal note was prepared which have been in effect for at least 1 fiscal year. The bill must be included in the report for each year a cost was projected in a corresponding fiscal note.
- (3) The report must be provided in an electronic format.
- (4) The report must also be submitted to the legislature as provided in 5-11-210. ~~(Terminates~~

1 ~~December 31, 2025--sec. 6, Ch. 350, L. 2021.)"~~

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3 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Repealer. Section 6, Chapter 350, Laws of 2021, is repealed.

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