# **FISCAL NOTE**

Bill #: HB0137 Title: State vehicles as courtesy cars at rural

airports

**Primary** 

Sponsor: Gilda Clancy Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature Date Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

**Fiscal Summary** 

-	FY 2002 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2003 <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures: State Special Revenue	5,000	6,000
Revenue: State Special Revenue	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	<b>\$0</b>	\$0

Yes	No X	Significant Local Gov. Impact	Yes X	<u>No</u>	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

## **Fiscal Analysis**

## **ASSUMPTIONS:**

### **Department of Transportation**

- 1. The division will purchase two used vehicles each fiscal year at a cost of approximately \$2,000/each. (2 x 2,000 = 4,000 for FY 2002) (2 x 2,000 = 4,000 for FY 2003).
- 2. The division will budget \$500 a fiscal year for each vehicle for miscellaneous costs such as registration fees, travel, insurance, and rule adoption  $(2 \times 500 = 1,000)$  for FY 2002  $(4 \times 500 = 2,000)$  for FY 2003).

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- 3. The administrative duties required of the Aeronautics Division can be performed with existing funding and FTE.
- 4. The State of Montana through its self-insured pool can provide adequate liability insurance for state employee use of courtesy cars.
- 5. Repairs would be from local vendors not department repair facilities.
- 6. Vehicles to be used as courtesy cars may be purchased by Aeronautics Division from the best available source.
- 7. The MDT Equipment Program or Motor Pool Program would not be responsible for providing or leasing any vehicles for this program.

## **Department of Administration**

8. Future claims or litigation that arise from non-state employee (pilots and passengers) use of state vehicles for personal recreational use may increase insurance premium assessments to state agencies. It is not known, nor can the division predict, if the state will have to pay these claims, and if so, how many.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

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Expenditures: Operating Expenses	\$5,000	\$6,000
<u>Funding:</u> State Special Revenue (02)	\$5,000	\$6,000
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus State Special Revenue (02)	s Expenditure): (\$5,000)	(\$6,000)

#### **TECHNICAL NOTES:**

- 1. Some may believe that a state employee on official government business should not have to use his or her own insurance as the primary coverage as provided in Section 6 (2).
- 2. Automobile insurance premiums that are presently included in agency budgets for FY 2002 and FY 2003 do not contemplate claims or lawsuits stemming from non-state employee use of state vehicles.