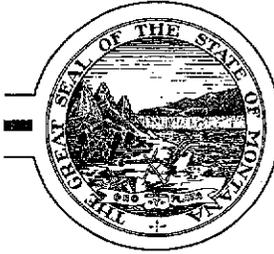


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Representative Rosie Buzzas, Chair
Representative Joey Jayne, Member
House Appropriation Committee
State Capitol Room 102
Helena, MT 59620

Re: HB 669 workload issue

Dear Madam Chair, Representative Jayne, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to respond to a question that Representative Jayne asked regarding the workload impact to Child and Family Services Division in administering funds for supervised visitation in cases of domestic violence. HB 669 proposes two pilot sites for this program. It would amount to two additional contracts being assigned to a staff person who is already administering contracts for domestic violence programs. Child and Family Services Division staffs are familiar with contracting processes and reporting requirements. Two staff currently deal with over 65 contracts. The work of two additional contracts would not significantly impact their workload.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Ostrander".

Kathy Ostrander
Child and Family Services
Program Bureau Chief