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4. The travel assistance paid by a workers' compensation insurer will be funds matched against those raised by community-based nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations.
5. Funds raised by the community-based organizations may not be used to require an insurer to match any funding amount greater than \$2,500.
6. These funds must be paid in addition to any travel expenses paid by an insurer for a travel companion when it is medically necessary for a travel companion to accompany the catastrophically injured worker.
7. From 2000 through 2004, the State Fund had 25 claims requiring a hospital or rehabilitation center stay with 21 consecutive inpatient days. This is an average of 5 claims per year during that five-year period that would potentially meet the criteria of this bill.
8. Through February 2005, the State Fund has had 3 claims requiring a hospital or rehabilitation center stay with 21 consecutive inpatient days that would potentially meet the criteria of this bill.
9. The maximum number of claims in any year since 2000 with 21 consecutive days of inpatient hospital or rehabilitation center care was six and the minimum was three.
10. Assuming five catastrophic claims per year meeting the criteria for matching travel assistance the State Fund estimates the fiscal impact from this legislation to be \$12,500 annually.
11. The benefit payment expense would be a factor of the State Fund's when determining rates but the impact would be de minimus.

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12. The department would absorb the costs associated with adoption of administrative rules required by this bill.
13. The department estimates it would cost approximately \$500 each year of the 2007 biennium to produce and disseminate information to groups and agencies as required by this bill.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Montana State Fund

	<u>FY 2006 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2007 Difference</u>
FTE		
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Benefits	\$12,500	\$12,500
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>		
Other – Proprietary (06)	\$12,500	\$12,500
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Other – Proprietary (06)	\$12,500	\$12,500

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<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$500	\$500
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$500	\$500

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Revenues:

State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0
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Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):

State Special Revenue (02)	(\$500)	(\$500)
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Total

Expenditures:

Operating Expenses	\$500	\$500
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Benefits	<u>\$12,500</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>
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Total	<u>\$13,000</u>	<u>\$13,000</u>
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Funding of Expenditures:

State Special Revenue (02)	\$500	\$500
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Other – Proprietary (06)	<u>\$12,500</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>
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Total	<u>\$13,000</u>	<u>\$13,000</u>
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Revenues:

Other – Proprietary (06)	\$12,500	\$12,500
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Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):

State Special Revenue (02)	(\$500)	(\$500)
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TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. Section 4 (3) does not provide rule-making authority to implement Section 2.
2. Section 4 (3) requires the department to adopt rules to administer 39-71-704, MCA. However, the department currently has rule-making authority to implement 39-71-704, MCA, pursuant to 39-71-203, MCA.