



The Big Sky Country

# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## SPONSOR'S REBUTTAL TO FISCAL NOTE

House Bill Number: HB 328 Date Prepared: 20230207

Short Title: REQUIRE CERTAIN GOVT BOARDS TO RECORD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMAT

Sponsor: BARKER, BRAD

Generally, why do you disagree with the fiscal note?

THE INPUT PROVIDED BY THE MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND TOWNS AND BY THE MONTANA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS IS COMICAL. GROSSLY OVERSTATES THE COSTS.

Specifically, what in the fiscal note do you feel is flawed?

(Describe specific assumptions, calculations, technical issues, etc.)

COST ESTIMATES RANGING FROM OVER \$10,000 TO \$50,000 ARE GREATLY EXAGGERATED WHEN MOST ENTITIES HAVE ALREADY USED FUNDING MADE AVAILABLE DURING COVID TO CONDUCT VIDEOTELECONFERENCE<sup>(UTC)</sup>. ~~FOR THOSE THAT THOSE THAT DID NOT CAN SIMPLY USE THEIR EXISTING LAPTOPS AND PROVIDE ONE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT; LOG INTO ~~UTC SOFTWARE; RECORD THE MEETING; AND UPLOAD IT TO THEIR WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA OR OTHER LOW OR NO COST SERVICES~~ LIKE YOUTUBE. THIS ALSO~~

ENTITIES CAN IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS BILL FOR LESS THAN \$200 ANNUALLY.

NEGATES TECHNICAL NOTE 1. THIS BILL DOES NOT MAKE THE VIDEO THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORD MAKING TECHNICAL NOTE 2 IRRELEVANT.

Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_