



The Big Sky Country

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPONSOR'S REBUTTAL TO FISCAL NOTE

House Bill Number: 352 Date Prepared: 20230207

Short Title: PROVIDE TARGETED INTERVENTIONS TO SUPPORT 3RD GRADE READING PROFICIENCY

Sponsor: BARKER, BRAD

Generally, why do you disagree with the fiscal note?

SAVINGS FROM ELIMINATING CURRENT 4YO KINDER ARE UNDERSTATED AND 2.0 FTES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ADMINISTER THIS PROGRAM.

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

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

GROWTH OF THE CURRENT 4YO KINDER PROGRAM YEAR OVER YEAR WAS SIGNIFICANT BASED ON THE "EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE" STANDARD. SAVINGS ESTIMATES ON PAGE 5 DO NOT CAPTURE THAT ANTICIPATED GROWTH SHOULD THE PROGRAM REMAIN AS IS. INSTEAD, THIS FISCAL NOTE INACURATELY DEPICTS ALMOST FLAT GROWTH, THERE IS ALSO NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THE ADDITION OF 2.0 FTES IF OPI ADOPTED A COMMERCIAL OFF

What is your estimate of the fiscal impact? THE SHELF DATA SYSTEM WITH

TAKING THESE FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT COULD RESULT IN AN ESTIMATED COST SAVINGS OF AROUND \$1.5 MILLION PER YEAR.

THE \$13 MILLION APPROPRIATED IN 2021.

Sponsor Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Barker", written over a horizontal line.