

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPORTING OF ACTUAL
5 COSTS FOR LEGISLATION WITH PROJECTED FISCAL IMPACTS; MODIFYING THE REPORTING PERIOD
6 TO EVERY SIX MONTHS; REVISING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING A TERMINATION DATE;
7 AMENDING SECTION 5-4-208, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 6, CHAPTER 350, LAWS OF 2021; AND
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 **Section 1.** Section 5-4-208, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"5-4-208. (Temporary) Report Biannual report of actual costs for legislation with projected**
14 **fiscal impact.** (1) Except for the general appropriations act and any bill exempted by the legislature, for each
15 bill with an estimated expenditure amount of over ~~\$1 million~~ \$500,000 from the general fund in any 1 of the 4
16 fiscal years identified in the bill's fiscal note, or as required in the bill, that is passed and approved for which a
17 fiscal note is prepared and presented to the legislature, the office of budget and program planning shall prepare
18 and present ~~an annual a~~ report to the legislative finance committee ~~by October 1 of each year~~ every February
19 and October.

20 (2) (a) The February report ~~The report~~ must include the following information:

- 21 (i) the name of the bill;
- 22 (ii) the actual expenditures incurred based on the bill as enacted ~~for the past entire fiscal year~~
23 during the first 2 quarters of the preceding fiscal year, and a description of how the funds were expended; and
- 24 (iii) a comparison to the projected costs of the bill as projected in the fiscal note for that same ~~fiscal~~
25 year period of time.

26 (b) The October report must include the following information:

- 27 (i) the name of the bill;
- 28 (ii) the actual expenditures incurred based on the bill as enacted during the last 2 quarters of the

1 preceding fiscal year, and a description of how the funds were expended; and

2 (iii) a comparison to the projected costs of the bill as projected in the fiscal note for that same
3 period of time.

4 (2) The report to the legislature must include bills that qualify under subsection (1) for which a
5 fiscal note was prepared which have been in effect for at least 1 fiscal year. The bill must be included in the
6 report for each year 6-month period a cost was projected in a corresponding fiscal note.

7 (3) The report must be provided in an electronic format.

8 (4) The report must also be submitted to the legislature as provided in 5-11-210. (~~Terminates~~
9 ~~December 31, 2025--sec. 6, Ch. 350, L. 2021.~~)"

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11 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Repealer. Section 6, Chapter 350, Laws of 2021, is repealed.

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13 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective June 30, 2025.

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