

Proposed 2009 Session Legislation

Agency Name & No: Consensus Council 6106

Priority Number: 001 Filename: \6106\01-001

Short Title: Eliminate Consensus Council

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1. Purpose:

Repeal 2-15-1027, MCA, to eliminate the Montana Consensus Council.

2. Background:

In February 2008 the Consensus Council Board voted to close the Council offices effective June 30, 2008. The Council was unable to sustain its operations due to lack of revenue. The Montana Consensus Council was funded by state special revenue fund, except for the Executive Director's position, which was paid out of the general fund.

3. Fiscal Impact by Fund Type: This impact should be as specific as possible.

Reduce the general fund by approximately \$76,000 in personal services (1.00 FTE Executive Director). Reduce the state special revenue fund by approximately \$61,000 (1.50 FTE) and operating expenses by approximately \$35,000.

4. Summary Checklist [Check & complete all that apply]--

- Housekeeping Only, Federal Requirement, Audit Recommendation, Major Legislation, Anticipated to be Controversial Legislation, Bill Draft has been included in Legislation Submittal, Supports Submitted EPP Item Number 101, Local Government Fiscal Impact, Increases FTE, or Decreases FTE by 2.50, Increases Existing Revenue, Decreases Existing Revenue, Establishes New Revenue, Leg. has been Submitted in Previous Legislative Sessions, Legislation would affect other state agencies, Special Interest Groups Affected, Other.