The Big Sky Country

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPONSOR'S REBUTTAL TO FISCAL NOTE

House Bill Number: 878 **Date Prepared: 3/28/23**

Short Title: Revise Medical Marijuana Laws for Veterans

Sponsor: Tony Brockman, HD9

Generally, why do you disagree with the fiscal note?

I respect the Budget Office and agencies' work in compiling HB878's fiscal note. I disagree that our state should be filling our already hearty coffers on the backs of the men and women who've served our nation and now seek the medical freedom and alternative pain relief from injuries, seen and unseen, sustained in the service to our nation.

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

Article II, Section 35 of our state's Constitution says, "The people declare that Monta servicemen, servicewomen, and veterans may be given special considerations determined by the legislature." The Budget Office and agencies' work in compiling HB878's fiscal note isn't taking Article II, Section 35 of our state's Constitution into account when determining the overall benefit of HB878's intent. HB878 ensures our veteran's medical freedom and individual alternative pain relief choice remains intact while guaranteeing veterans their Privacy and 2nd Amendment Rights.

What is your estimate of the fiscal impact?

When it comes to the needs of our veterans, it doesn't matter. Montana's servicemen, servicewomen, and veterans have already borne the cost and sacrificed so much to ensure the freedom's you and I cherish and enjoy. We shouldn't now pause to check o bank account before guaranteeing a single veteran's medical freedom and individual alternative pain relief choices.

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