

HB 2 Amendments in Senate Finance & Claims 3-28-17

Education

HB000219-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Lew Jones **Drafter:** Robert Miller

Explanation - This amendment provides one-time-only general fund appropriation for the Montana Digital Academy of \$832,500 in each year of the 2019 biennium (\$1.67 million for the biennium). Base funding for the academy is \$1,168,000. The amendment also requires the MTDA to provide a detailed operational and financial expenditure report to the legislative fiscal committee by May of 2018. Failure to report would result in the loss of OTO funding in the second year of the biennium.

Passed voice vote - Unanimous

HB000221-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Lea Whitford **Drafter:** Robert Miller

Explanation - This amendment funds the Montana Preschool Grant Program increasing general fund appropriation by \$12.0 million for the biennium.

Failed 6-12

HB000222-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Lea Whitford **Drafter:** Robert Miller

Explanation - This amendment provides \$32,000 general fund appropriation to the Office of Public Instruction for the expansion of Indian Language Immersion programs. Funding anticipates two new programs beginning in FY 2018.

Failed 8-10

HB000223-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Lea Whitford **Drafter:** Robert Miller

Explanation - This amendment provides a general fund appropriation of \$50,000 for the biennium to the Montana Digital Academy for the purpose of developing online curriculum on Indian languages.

Failed 7-11

HB000225-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Lea Whitford **Drafter:** Robert Miller

Explanation - This amendment restores funding for the Data For Achievement payment increasing general fund appropriation fund by \$6.3 million for the biennium.

Passed voice vote – Unanimous

HB000226-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Lea Whitford **Drafter:** Robert Miller

Explanation - This amendment increases the general fund appropriation for secondary vocational education by \$1.0 million over the biennium.

Passed voice vote – Unanimous

HB000227-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Lew Jones **Drafter:** Robert Miller

Explanation - This amendment eliminates funding for school district general fund block grants. The amendment reduces general fund for block grants by \$54 million in each year of the biennium. This reduction is offset by an increase in general fund appropriation for K-12 GTB aid of \$25.7 million in FY18 and 42.2 million in FY19. Total decrease in general fund appropriation is \$39.9 million of the biennium.

Passed voice vote - Unanimous

HB000228-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Duane Ankney **Drafter:** Robert Miller

Explanation - This amendment provides general fund appropriation to mitigate the impact of school districts that depend on coal plants for tax base. The amendment adds \$3.4 million of the biennium.

Passed voice vote - Unanimous

HB000229-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Terry Gauthier **Drafter:** Robert Miller

Explanation - In each year of the biennium this amendment provides a \$617,505 increase in general fund appropriation for special education. Base funding for special education is \$42.9 million. The Amendment also includes an increase of \$224,000 in BASE Aid for the related increase in Guaranteed Tax Base.

Passed voice vote - Unanimous

HB000230-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Llew Jones **Drafter:** Robert Miller

Explanation - This amendment increases K-12 BASE aid by \$2.4 million in the first year and \$4.1 million in the second year of the biennium. This is **adjustment is needed reduce the NRD payment to zero** in each year of the biennium.

Passed voice vote - Unanimous

HB000231-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Llew Jones **Drafter:** Robert Miller

Explanation - This amendment increases general fund appropriation by \$5.8 million in the second year of the biennium. The appropriation is restricted for **support of school facilities**.

Passed voice vote - Unanimous

HB000232-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Llew Jones **Drafter:** Robert Miller

Explanation - This amendment restores 1.00 FTE to the Montana Historical Society increasing general fund appropriation for personal services by \$67,026 in FY18 and \$67,074 in FY19. General fund appropriations for operations will be decreased by a like amount in each year of the biennium. There is no net impact to the general fund.

HB000240-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Lea Whitford **Drafter:** Shauna Albrecht

1. Page E-6, line 5: Commissioner of Higher Education. Strike: "169,800,995 169,800,995" [General Fund FY18 FY19]
Insert: "217,800,995 217,800,995" [General Fund FY18 FY19] - END - Restore funding of \$48.0 million general fund to program 09 appropriation distribution contingent upon passage of LC 1131.

HB000242-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Lea Whitford **Drafter:** Shauna Albrecht

Explanation - Restore higher education reductions and present law adjustments increasing general fund by \$9,808,710 in FY 2018 and \$10,367,216 in FY 2019.

HB000243-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Lea Whitford **Drafter:** Shauna Albrecht

Explanation - Restore partial funding for the Governor's Best and Brightest Scholarship as one-time-only. Increase general fund \$500,000 for merit based scholarships and \$500,000 for need-based scholarships for the biennium.

HB000247-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Lea Whitford **Drafter:** Shauna Albrecht

Explanation - Restore funding of \$150,000 general fund each year of the biennium for the AES Seed Lab at MSU-Bozeman. This funding would be biennial and one-time-only.

HB000248-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Mike Lang **Drafter:** Shauna Albrecht

Explanation - Provide \$100,000 of general fund each year of the biennium for the AES Seed Lab at MSU-Bozeman. This funding would be biennial and one-time-only.

HB000249-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Mike Lang **Drafter:** Shauna Albrecht

Explanation - Provide \$55,000 of general fund each year of the biennium for the AES Wool Lab on the campus of MSU-Bozeman. This funding would be restricted, biennial, and one-time-only.

HB000251-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Albert Olszewski **Drafter:** Shauna Albrecht

Explanation - Provide funding for psychiatry graduate medical education residency slots. Funds will come from the Montana Rural Physicians Incentive state special revenue account for FY 2018 and general fund for FY 2019.

HB000253-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Lea Whitford **Drafter:** Shauna Albrecht

Explanation - Restore partial funding to Extension Service. Increase general fund \$300,000 in FY 2018 and \$300,000 in FY 2019.

HB000254-E [HTML](#) | [PDF](#) | **Requester:** Lea Whitford **Drafter:** Shauna Albrecht

Explanation - State percent share increase to 48.20% for the 2019 biennium. Include resident FTE projections for both years of the biennium. Adjust the audit costs to reflect the update of state percent share.