

# Distribution of Oil and Natural Gas Production Tax Revenue

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### Evolution of Oil and Natural Gas Taxes

### Pre-1985

- State severance tax
- Local property taxes
- Privilege and license tax

### 1985

- State severance tax
- Local property tax on pre-1985 wells
- Net proceeds tax on post-1985 wells
- Privilege and license tax

### 1989

- State severance tax
- Local government severance tax on pre-1985 wells
- Net proceeds tax on post-1985 wells
- Privilege and license tax

### Evolution of Oil and Natural Gas Taxes

#### 1995

- Oil and natural gas production tax based on type of well and production
- Privilege and license tax

#### 1999

- Revised oil and natural gas production tax rates and incentives for production
- "New" and "old" production based on 1999 rather than 1985
- Privilege and license tax

#### 2005

- Oil and natural gas production tax and privilege and license tax remain in effect
- Tax for oil and gas natural resource distribution enacted, rate derived from privilege and license tax rate

# Pre-2003 Oil and Natural Gas Revenue Distribution

### State Share

**39.3%\*** of oil production taxes + 100% of oil production taxes from (A):

- 86.21% to the General Fund
- 5.17% to the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation
- 8.62% as follows:
  - 50% to the Resource Indemnity Trust Fund
  - 25% to the Reclamation and Development Grants Special Revenue Account
  - 25% to the Orphan Share Account

100% of oil production taxes from (C), (D), and (E) + 13.8% of oil production taxes from (B) + 100% of natural gas production taxes from (F) and (G):

- 37.5% to Board of Oil and Gas Conservation
- 62.5% as follows:
  - 50% to the Resource Indemnity Trust Fund
  - 25% to the Reclamation And Development Grants Special Revenue Account
  - 25% to Orphan Share Account

# Pre-2003 Oil and Natural Gas Revenue Distribution

### State Share, continued

### **14%**\* of natural gas production taxes:

- 76.8% to the General Fund
- 8.7% to the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation
- 14.5% as follows:
  - 50% to the Resource Indemnity Trust Fund
  - 25% to the Reclamation And Development Grants Special Revenue Account
  - 25% to the Orphan Share Account

# Pre-2003 Oil and Natural Gas Revenue Distribution

County and School District Share

<u>60.7%\*</u> of oil production taxes + 86.2% of oil production taxes from (B) + <u>86%\*</u> of natural gas production taxes:

To counties in proportion to the oil and natural gas production taxes attributable to the county

Distribution to counties and school districts based on levies in the preceding fiscal year

5% of revenue identified above from pre-1999 wells to counties in proportion to the underfunding that would have occurred from the tax liability distribution of pre-1985 oil and natural gas production taxes for production in calendar year 1997

### HB 748 (2003) Distribution

Statute specified county and school district share by county, remainder distributed to statelevel entities

Revenue distributed to the General Fund, the Reclamation and Development Grants Special Revenue Account, the Orphan Share Account, the Montana University System, and, in fiscal years 2003 through 2011, to the Coal Bed Methane Protection Account.

County portion shared with school districts as provided in 15-36-332

- Allocations specified for:
  - elementary retirement
  - high school retirement
  - countywide transportation
  - school districts
- County retains remainder

# Current Oil and Gas Production Tax Distribution: State Share

- 90.22% to the General Fund
- 2.16% to the Natural Resources Projects State Special Revenue Account
- 2.02% to the Natural Resources Operations State Special Revenue Account
- 2.95% to the Orphan Share Account
- 2.65% to the Montana University System

Revenue from privilege and license tax deposited in Board of Oil and Gas Conservation special revenue account

# Current Oil and Gas Production Tax Distribution: County and School District Share

Unchanged from HB 748 (2003)

School district share calculated based on taxes generated within the school district

- Separate elementary and high school districts: distribution is based on relative mill levies
- Subject to 20-9-310 limits on maximum amount of oil and gas revenue a school district may retain

# Privilege and License Tax

Set by Board of Oil and Gas Conservation "as the expenses chargeable against the oil and gas conservation fund may require" (82-11-131)

Maximum rate of 0.3%

Current rate is 0.3% (effective October 1, 2016)

Previous rate was 0.09%

### Tax For Oil and Gas Natural Resource Distribution

Tax rate derived from privilege and license tax

Current tax rate is 0%

Rate was 0.17% for 10 years before Oct. 1, 2016

Tax for Oil and Gas Natural Resource Distribution is distributed to counties based on production

- County retains 1/3 of distribution
- Incorporated cities within county get 2/3 of distribution, split by population
  - Only oil and gas revenue distributed to cities

Cities not receiving any oil and gas revenue because of 0% rate

## FY 2017 Oil and Gas Distributions

|   | FY 2017       |
|---|---------------|
|   | Distribution  |
| General Fund                              | \$46,334,270  |
| County Government                         | \$22,197,246  |
| School Districts                          | \$17,992,126  |
| Board of Oil and Gas Conservation         | \$2,405,384   |
| High School Retirement                    | \$2,270,364   |
| Elementary Retirement                     | \$1,847,450   |
| Orphan Share                              | \$1,515,030   |
| University System                         | \$1,360,960   |
| Natural Resource Projects                 | \$1,109,311   |
| Excess O&G-Negotiated Rulemaking          | \$1,083,642   |
| Countywide Transportation                 | \$1,043,729   |
| Natural Resource Operations               | \$1,037,411   |
| Tax For O&G Natural Resource Distribution | \$387,751     |
| Community College                         | \$184,544     |
| Total                                     | \$100,769,217 |

