

Amendments to House Bill No. 7
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For the House Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long Range
Planning Committee

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1. Title, page 1, line 11.

Following: "FUNDS;"

Insert: "TEMPORARILY REVISING THE USE OF THE RECLAMATION AND
DEVELOPMENT GRANTS ACCOUNT;"

2. Page 1, line 17.

Strike: "\$4"

Insert: "\$4.9"

3. Page 2, line 18.

Strike: "\$300,000"

Insert: "\$900,000"

4. Page 3.

Following: line 6

Insert: "Montana Department of Environmental Quality"
"(Former Harlem Equity Co-Op Bulk Plant) \$285,572"

5. Page 4, line 7.

Strike: "\$100,000"

Insert: "\$57,115.94"

6. Page 4, line 25.

Following: line 24

Insert: "(4) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2005,
appropriations may be made from the reclamation and
development grants special revenue account for
administrative expenses, including salaries and expenses for
personnel and equipment, office space, and other expenses
necessarily incurred in natural resource-related programs."

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**Appropriation Subcommittee of Long Range Planning committee
report for HB 7.**

1. This amendment puts the change of statute (made in the #5 amendment) into the title.
2. This amendment would increase the appropriation for grants from \$4.0 million to \$4.9 million.
3. This amendment would increase the grant to the St. Mary's studies and design from \$300,000 to \$900,000.
4. This amendment would add the Harlem Equity Co-op Bulk Plant project to the list of approved grants.
5. This amendment would reduce the repayment of \$100,000 to the environmental contingency to \$57,115.94. This change will allow the account to begin the next biennium at the full limit of \$750,000.
6. This amendment makes legitimate, for the 2007 biennium only, the use of grant funds for other purposes. These purposes include the funding of other administrative and program costs in the departments of the DNRC and DEQ and the State Library but limits appropriations to natural resource related programs.

Reclamation and Development Grants
 Recommendation of
the Long Range Planning Subcommittee
to the Appropriations Committee

Total Funds Available for Grants:

\$4,900,000

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1	2	5	Board of Oil and Gas Conservation			
		6	2005 Eastern District Orphaned Well Plug & Abandonment	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$4,600,000
2		7	Board of Oil and Gas Conservation			
		8	2005 Northern District Orphaned Well Plug & Abandonment	300,000	300,000	4,300,000
3		9	Department of Environmental Quality			
		10	Bluebird Mine Reclamation	300,000	300,000	4,000,000
4		11	Department of Environmental Quality			
		12	Frohner Mine Reclamation	300,000	300,000	3,700,000
5		13	Department of Environmental Quality			
		14	Buckeye Mine & Millsite Reclamation	300,000	300,000	3,400,000
6		15	Lewistown, City of			
		16	Reclamation of Brewery Flats on Big Spring Creek	300,000	300,000	3,100,000
7		17	MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation			
		18	St. Mary Studies and Design	300,000	900,000	2,200,000
8	2	19	Butte-Silver Bow Local Government			
		20	Belmont Shaft Failure & Subsidence Mitigation	300,000	300,000	1,900,000
9		21	Pondera County			
		22	Oil & Gas Well Plug & Abandon	100,000	100,000	1,800,000
10		23	Custer County CD			
		24	Yellowstone River Resource Conservation Project	299,965	299,965	1,500,035
11		25	Teton County			
		26	2005 Plugging & Abandonment Aid to Small Independent Oil	50,000	50,000	1,450,035
12		27	Toole County			
		28	Plugging and Abandonment Aid to Small Oil Operators	300,000	150,000	1,300,035
13		29	MT Department of Environmental Quality			
		30	Zortman Mine - Completion of Reclamation Alternative Z6	300,000	300,000	1,000,035
14	3	1	Butte-Silver Bow Local Government			
		2	Excelsior Reclamation	129,800	129,800	870,235
15		3	Powell County			
		4	Wetland Reclamation and Redevelopment	212,950	240,850	629,385
16		5	MT Department of Environmental Quality			
		6	MTS Tire Recyclers Cleanup	300,000	300,000	329,385
18		A	Montana Department of Environmental Quality			
		A	Former Harlem Equity Co-op Bulk Plant		285,572	43,813
Total Grant Requests/Recommendations				\$4,092,715	\$4,856,187	\$43,813