

Amendments to House Bill No. 11
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For the House Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long Range
Planning Committee

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1. Title, line 8.

Following: "ACCOUNT"

Insert: "AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM
SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT"

2. Title, line 22.

Following: "90-6-703"

Insert: ", "

Strike: "AND"

3. Title, line 23.

Following: "90-6-710,"

Insert: "AND 90-6-715,"

4. Page 1, line 28.

Following: "department of commerce"

Strike: "the interest earnings of"

Insert: "\$16.2 million of the interest earnings from"

5. Page 2, line 10.

Strike: "\$500,000"

Insert: "\$650,000"

6. Page 2, line 11.

Strike: "524,503"

Insert: "674,503"

7. Page 2, line 12.

Strike: "500,000"

Insert: "650,000"

8. Page 2, line 13.

Strike: "500,000"

Insert: "650,000"

9. Page 3, line 14.

Strike: "Ranch-Lake"

Insert: "Ranch"

10. Page 4, line 7.

Following: "may"

Strike: "not"

Insert: "only"

11. Page 4, lines 7 through 9.

Following: "funds"

Strike: remainder of line 7 through line 9 in their entirety

Insert: "if one or more of the projects numbered 1 through 39 terminate their right to the awarded funds in writing prior to the end of the 2007 biennium."

12. Page 11, line 29.

Insert: "Section 9. Section 90-6-715, MCA, is amended to read:

"90-6-715. (Temporary) Special revenue account--use. (1)

(a) The treasure state endowment regional water system special revenue account may be used to:

(i) provide matching funds to plan and construct regional drinking water systems in Montana;

(ii) pay the debt service for regional water system bond issues; and

(iii) to provide funding of administrative expenses for state and local entities associated with regional drinking water systems.

(b) Except for the debt service and administrative expenses provided for in this subsection (1)(a), each state dollar must be matched equally by local funds. Federal and state grants may not be used as a local match.

(2) Up to 25% of the local matching funds required under subsection (1) for the treasure state endowment regional water system may be in the form of debt that was incurred by local government entities included in the regional water system to construct individual drinking water systems before the individual systems were connected to the regional system. However, the amount of an individual entity's debt that may be used for matching funds is limited to the amount necessary to allow the entity to maintain its water service charges below the hardship standard established by the department through administrative rules adopted under 90-6-710.

(3) The funds in the account are further restricted to be used to finance regional drinking water systems that supply water to large geographical areas and serve multiple local governments, such as projects in north central montana, from the waters of the Tiber reservoir, that will provide water for domestic use, industrial use, and stockwater for communities and rural residences that lie south of the Canadian border, west of Havre, north of Dutton, and east of Cut Bank and in northeastern Montana, from the waters of the Missouri River, that will provide water for domestic use, industrial use, and stockwater for communities and rural residences that lie south of the Canadian border, west of the North Dakota border, north of the Missouri River, and east of range 39.

(4) The funds must be administered by the department of natural resources and conservation for eligible projects.

(Terminates June 30, 2016--sec. 1, Ch. 70, L. 2001.)"

{Internal References to 90-6-715:

17-5-703x}"

Renumber: subsequent sections

13. Page 12, line 6.

Following: "\$5,300,000 is"

Strike: "authorized"

Insert: "appropriated"

14. Page 12, line 9.

Strike: "11(1)"

Insert: "12(1)"

15. Page 12, line 15.

Strike: "9(2)"

Following: "10(2)"

16. Page 12, line 20.

Strike: "9"

Insert: "10"

Strike: "11"

Insert: "12"

17. Page 13, line 1.

Insert: "COORDINATION SECTION. Section 13. Coordination

instruction. If House Bill No. 748 is passed and approved, then [sections 9 through 12 of this act] are void."

Renumber: subsequent sections

- END -

**Appropriation Subcommittee of Long Range Planning committee
report for HB 11.**

1-3. These amendments change the title to agree with some of the changes recommended in this amendment.

4. This change will make the appropriation of \$16.2 million for grants clearer. As currently written, the individual amounts would have to be summed to obtain the entire amount of the appropriation.

5-8. These amendments increase funding to the 4 top priority projects by \$150,000.

9. This change corrects the name of the project.

10 and 11. These amendments change language in the bill. The language change would change the "potential funding" for the last 3 projects, projects 40 through 42. As currently written, the projects could be funded if interest earnings exceed projections. The subcommittee's recommendation to include the appropriation amount of \$16.2 million would limit the department of commerce's ability to fund projects below the current funding line, even if interest earnings are sufficient. Instead, the change will allow the 3 projects to receive TSEP funding if any of the projects numbered 1 through 39 provide the department of commerce with a written grant termination.

12. This amendment changes 90-6-715, MCA. The change would allow bond debt service to be paid from the interest earnings of the Treasure State Regional Water special revenue account. This change will be necessary if HB 748 is passed.

13. This change clarifies that the \$5.3 million is an appropriation, not an authorization.

14-16. These amendments are technical and adjust the numbering in the text to agree with the amendments.

17. This amendment coordinates HB 11 with HB 748.

- HB 748 provides bonding authority in the amount of the total interest earnings projected for the 2007 biennium, \$5 million.

- HB 748 sets up an appropriation of the bonded funds. This appropriation serves the same function as the regional water appropriation in HB 11. As a result, the actions of the two bills are duplicative.

- If HB 748 is passed, the appropriation from HB 11 will be void. If HB 748 fails, the appropriation will stay in HB 11. In this way, we are certain that the appropriation is available to the program.

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Treasure State Endowment Grants Program

Recommendation of

the Long Range Planning Subcommittee

To the Appropriation Committee

Total Funds Available for Grants						\$16,155,695
Rank	HB 11	Applicant	HB 11	LRPC		
Order	Page	Line	Recommended	Recommended		
1	2	10	St. Ignatius	\$500,000	\$650,000	15,505,695
2		11	Rudyard District	524,503	674,503	14,831,192
3		12	Carter District	500,000	650,000	14,181,192
4		13	Cascade	500,000	650,000	13,531,192
5		14	Madison County	179,911	179,911	13,351,281
6		15	Lewis & Clark County	288,757	288,757	13,062,524
7		16	Stillwater County	399,853	399,853	12,662,671
8		17	Seeley Lake District	500,000	500,000	12,162,671
9		18	Dodson	427,500	427,500	11,735,171
10		19	Conrad	500,000	500,000	11,235,171
11		20	Sweet Grass County	144,989	144,989	11,090,182
12		21	Havre	500,000	500,000	10,590,182
13		22	Powell County	158,348	158,348	10,431,834
14		23	Mineral County	80,090	80,090	10,351,744
15		24	Glacier County	500,000	500,000	9,851,744
16		25	Malta	500,000	500,000	9,351,744
17		26	Crow Tribe	500,000	500,000	8,851,744
18		27	Libby	500,000	500,000	8,351,744
19		28	Big Horn County	142,500	142,500	8,209,244
20		29	Custer District	500,000	500,000	7,709,244
21		30	Hill County	450,750	450,750	7,258,494
22	3	1	Glasgow	500,000	500,000	6,758,494
23		2	Valier	500,000	500,000	6,258,494
24		3	Sheridan	500,000	500,000	5,758,494
25		4	Beaverhead County	84,886	84,886	5,673,608
26		5	Whitefish	457,500	457,500	5,216,108
27		6	Richland County	453,841	453,841	4,762,267
28		7	Upper-Lower River Road District	500,000	500,000	4,262,267
29		8	Laurel	500,000	500,000	3,762,267
30		9	Ennis	204,894	204,894	3,557,373
31		10	Choteau	500,000	500,000	3,057,373
32		11	Missoula County	275,172	275,172	2,782,201
33		12	Miles City	500,000	500,000	2,282,201
34		13	Yellowstone County	187,800	187,800	2,094,401
35		14	Ranch District	360,000	360,000	1,734,401
36		15	Hysham	462,359	462,359	1,272,042
37		16	Carbon County	97,100	97,100	1,174,942
38		17	Spring Meadows District	487,500	487,500	687,442
39		18	Woods Bay District	500,000	500,000	187,442
40		19	Circle	500,000		
41		20	Fairfield	126,000		
42		21	Sun Prairie District	500,000		
Total Recommendations			<u>\$16,494,253</u>	<u>\$15,968,253</u>		