

Commissioner of Higher Education

| Montana University System/Commissioner of Higher Education Major Budget Highlights | |
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| • | The revised executive budget (Schweitzer budget) increases general fund \$5 million in the 2007 biennium to increase student assistance need-based grants and merit-based scholarships |
| • | The revised executive budget (Schweitzer budget) increases general fund \$2.8 million in the 2007 biennium to increase tribal college assistance as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$300,000 for non-beneficiary student assistance• \$1.25 million for equipment• \$1.25 for the Indian Education for All program |
| • | The revised executive budget (Schweitzer budget) decreases general fund \$4.9 million by eliminating the Shared Leadership for a Stronger Montana Economy initiatives, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2.00 FTE and \$640,000 general fund are eliminated from the Administration Program in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education• \$4.3 million general fund is eliminated from the university educational units and public service/research agencies |
| • | Overall, the revised executive budget increases general fund spending in the Montana University System budget by a net of \$2.9 million in the 2007 biennium (\$7.8 million program increases less \$4.9 million Shared Leadership decrease) |

PROGRAM 01 – ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

The revised executive budget (Schweitzer budget) eliminates funding for all of the Shared Leadership for a Stronger Montana Economy initiatives in the university system budget, which includes two new proposal decision packages in the administration program as follows:

- DP 40 – Shared Leadership Business & Economic Development Outreach – This decision package would fund 2.00 FTE in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to support new projects for the university system involving economic development across Montana. Total cost of \$360,000 in the 2007 biennium. The two new FTE positions include:
 - Associate Commissioner of Economic Development and Outreach
 - Executive Level Administrative Assistant
- DP 77 – Shared Leadership Workforce System Data Collection and Management – This decision package would fund the development of an integrated data management system to support workforce development programs across several agencies and program of state government and the university system. Total cost of \$280,000 in the 2007 biennium

In total, these two Schweitzer budget revisions reduce \$640,000 general fund and 2.00 FTE from the Martz budget in Program 01 Administration.