

**Proposed HB 2 Language For the Montana University System
Adopted by the Education Appropriations Subcommittee
January 27, 2005**

**Community College Assistance
Program 04 – Language:**

“The budget amount for each full-time equivalent student at the community colleges, including Summitnet, is \$5,203 each year of the 2007 biennium, before pay plan, if any. The general fund appropriation in item Community College Assistance (04) provides 53% of the budget amount for each full-time equivalent student each year of the 2007 biennium. The remaining 47% of the budget amount for each full-time equivalent student must be paid from funds other than those appropriated in Community College Assistance (04).”

“The general fund appropriation in item Community College Assistance (04) is calculated to fund education in the community colleges for an estimated 2,631 resident FTE students in fiscal year 2006 and 2,770 in fiscal year 2007. If total resident FTE student enrollment in the community colleges is greater than the estimated number for the biennium, the community colleges shall serve the additional students without a state general fund contribution. If actual resident FTE student enrollment is less than the estimated numbers for the biennium, the commissioner of higher education shall revert general fund money to the state in accordance with 17-7-142, MCA.”

“Total Summitnet costs are estimated to be \$25,000 each year for the community colleges. Summitnet costs for each year may not exceed \$8,000 each for Dawson and Miles community colleges and \$9,000 for Flathead Valley community college.”

“Total audit costs are estimated to be \$40,000 for the community colleges for the biennium. The general fund appropriation for each community college provides 53% of the total audit costs in the 2007 biennium. The remaining 47% of these costs must be paid from funds other than those appropriated in item 4a. Audit costs for the biennium may not exceed \$12,500 each for Dawson and Miles community colleges and \$15,000 for Flathead Valley community college.”