

## Commissioner Of Higher Ed

"Total audit costs are estimated to be \$544,376 for the university system, other than the office of the commissioner of higher education. Each unit shall pay a percentage of these costs from funds other than those appropriated the item [Appropriation Distribution (09)]."

**Revenue Projections for Research/Public Service Agencies**

The executive budget recommends language in HB 2 that includes revenue projections for various revenue sources for the research/public service agencies:

"Revenue anticipated to be received by the agricultural experiment station includes:

- (1) interest earnings and other revenue of \$60,308 each year of the 2007 biennium;
- (2) federal revenue of \$1,824,304 in fiscal year 2006 and \$1,817,448 in fiscal year 2007; and
- (3) sales revenue of \$1,195,180 in fiscal year 2006 and \$1,195,180 in fiscal year 2007."

"Revenue anticipated to be received by the extension service includes:

- (1) interest earnings of \$5,034 year of the 2007 biennium; and
- (2) federal revenue of \$2,400,000 in fiscal year 2006 and \$2,400,000 in fiscal year 2007."

"Anticipated interest revenue of \$1,070 in each year of the 2007 biennium is appropriated to the forestry and conservation experiment station for current unrestricted operating expenses. This amount is in addition to that shown in the line item appropriation."

"Anticipated sales revenue of \$29,157 each year of the 2007 biennium is appropriated to the bureau of mines and geology for current unrestricted operating expenses. This amount is in addition to that shown in the line item appropriation."

"Anticipated interest revenue of \$732 each year of the 2007 biennium is appropriated to the fire services training school for current unrestricted operating expenses. This amount is in addition to that shown in the line item appropriation."

**Miscellaneous Language Recommendations**

The executive budget recommends language in HB 2 to require a transfer to the energy conservation program account:

"The appropriation distribution item includes \$817,960 for the 2007 biennium that must be transferred to the energy conservation program account and used to retire the general obligation bonds sold to fund energy improvements through the state energy conservation program. The costs of this transfer in each year of the biennium are: university of Montana-Missoula, \$126,400 in fiscal year 2006 and \$88,800 in fiscal year 2007; Montana tech of the university of Montana, \$28,000; Montana state university-northern, \$101,000 in fiscal year 2006 and \$67,000 in fiscal year 2007; Montana state university-Bozeman \$58,000; Montana state university-Billings, \$133,500 in fiscal year FY 2006 and 105,500 in fiscal year 2007; and western Montana college of the university of Montana, \$12,410 in fiscal year 2006 and \$11,350 in fiscal year 2007."

The executive budget recommends language in HB 2 to allocate funds for the Montana natural resource information system:

"The Montana University System shall pay \$88,506 for the 2007 biennium in current funds in support of the Montana natural resource information system (NRIS) located at the Montana state library. Quarterly payments must be made upon receipt of the bills from the state library, up to the total amount appropriated."