

Amendments to House Bill No. 2  
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Requested by Senator Cobb

For the Senate Finance and Claims Committee

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1. Page B-6, line 5.

**Strike:** "135,415 135,415" [state special fund FY06/FY07]

**Insert:** "180,127 211,915" [state special fund FY06/FY07]

2. Page B-15.

**Following:** line 2

**Insert:** "Funding in Nursing Care Center Bed Tax Payment may be used only to pay the nursing home utilization fees as provided for in 15-60-102. If House Bill No. 749 is not passed and approved, funding in Nursing Care Center Bed Tax Payment must be reduced by \$44,712 in general fund money in fiscal year 2006 and by \$76,500 in general fund money in fiscal year 2007."

Explanation - This amendment adds \$44,712 in general fund each year of the biennium for payment of nursing home bed taxes authorized by 15-60-102, MCA. HB 749 increases the daily rate from \$5.30 in FY05 to \$7.05 in FY06 and \$8.30 in FY07. The Montana Nursing Care Center must also pay this tax. The cost of Medicaid eligible services provided by the center is reimbursed by federal Medicaid funds at a rate of about 70 cents per \$1 of service. The federal revenue in excess of the general fund cost is deposited to the Prevention and Stabilization Account. The fiscal note accompanying HB 749 does not estimate the additional revenue to the PSA.

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