

SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS  
EXHIBIT NO. 35  
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Amendments to House Bill No. 2  
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Requested by Senator John Tester

For the Senate Finance and Claims Committee

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1. Page B-15.

**Following:** line 4

**Insert:** "The state special revenue appropriations from the health and medicaid initiatives account for Prescription Drug Program -- SB 324, Health Resources Division, Physician Rate Increase, Raise Asset Limit for Medicaid Eligibility for Children, Children's Mental Health Rate Increase, Medicaid, Senior and Long-Term Care Division, Direct-Care Worker Wage Increase, and Addictive and Mental Disorders Division are not available until the amount of funds deposited in the health and medicaid initiatives account exceeds \$25 million or until December 1, 2005, whichever occurs earlier, and are subject to 53-6-1201."

**Explanation:** This amendment delays expenditures from all appropriations of I-149 state special revenue included in HB 2 until December 1, 2005 or until the Health and Medicaid Initiatives Account reaches a balance of \$25 million. The amendment does not reduce appropriations or expenditures from the account. The Mental Health Services Plan appropriation from I-149 is exempt from this amendment. There are coordinating amendments being prepared for SB 324 to also all the Budget Director to reduce expenditures from the Health and Medicaid Initiatives Account if the revenues will be insufficient to fund appropriations.

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