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Amendments to House Bill No. 2
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Requested by Senator John Cobb

For the House Free Conference Committee

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1. Page E-9, line 13.
Strike: "4,717,503 4,740,648" [general fund FY06 and FY07]
Insert: "4,783,103 4,871,848" [general fund FY06 and FY07]

2. Page E-15.
Following: line 12.
Insert: "Extension Service includes $196,800 in general fund money for an extension cropping specialist and livestock specialist (2 FTE), which must be matched with $49,200 in nonstate funds identified by the board of regents. Matched funds for these items may include federal funding revenue, private funding revenue, and other nonstate university funds. The funding match may include in-kind revenue only if that revenue is equipment, cost reductions offered for purchased equipment, or space to house equipment. The office of the commissioner of higher education shall certify to the office of budget and program planning that an allowable funding match has been committed from an eligible revenue source, as evidenced by a commitment letter from that funding source."

Explanation - This adds the Cropping Specialist and Livestock Specialist positions (new proposals) and the matching funds language associated with the Extension Service at MSU-Bozeman (Section E - University System), increasing general fund by $65,600 in FY06 and $131,200 in FY07 for a biennial total of $196,800.

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