

AMENDMENT NO. 89
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Amendments to House Bill No. 2
Reference

Requested by Representative Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas

For the House Free Conference Committee

Prepared by Alan Peura
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1. Page E-9, line 19.

Strike: "1,621,291 1,617,378" [general fund FY06 and FY07]
Insert: "1,693,291 1,692,258" [general fund FY06 and FY07]

2. Page E-15.

Following: line 12.

Insert: "Bureau of Mines and Geology includes \$146,880 in general fund money for a coal/coalbed methane geologist (1 FTE), which must be matched with \$36,720 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 Coal/Coalbed Methane Geologist position (new proposal) and the matching funds language associated with the Bureau of Mines and Geology at Montana Tech, Butte (Section E), increasing general fund by \$72,000 in FY 06 and by \$74,880 in FY 07 for a biennial total of \$146,880.

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