



Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill # HB0699

Title: Fair and equitable distribution of low-income energy funds to tribes

Primary Sponsor: Windy Boy, Jonathan

Status: As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	FY 2008 Difference	FY 2009 Difference	FY 2010 Difference	FY 2011 Difference
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$1,773,351	\$1,773,351	\$1,773,351
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$1,773,351	\$1,773,351	\$1,773,351
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact:

The state portion of federal Low-Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds will be increased and the amount set aside for Montana tribal governments by the federal government to use in their energy assistance programs will be decreased by \$1,773,351.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Public Health and Human Services

1. Total federal funding allocated to Montana for the 2007 heating season (\$13,983,000) will remain the same in future years.
2. The number of households served in the 2006 heating season (Fort Peck - 996, Blackfeet – 1,133, Chippewa Cree – 509, Salish Kootenai – 813, Ft. Belknap – 320, N. Cheyenne – 400, and state served including Crow – 21,221) will remain the same in future years.
3. The total number of Montana households eligible for low-income energy assistance remains the same (86,925) as determined by a special tabulation run by the census bureau on behalf of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) based on the 2000 census.

4. The current Memorandum of Agreement with the tribes is for the state to receive 82.5194 percent of the total federal LIHEAP funds allocated to the State of Montana with each tribe receiving the following percentages:

Tribe	Current Percentage
Blackfeet	4.4521
Ft. Belknap	1.5703
Ft. Peck (Assiniboine & Sioux)	3.8999
Northern Cheyenne	2.0535
Chippewa-Cree	1.1390
Salish Kootenai	4.3658
Total Tribal Distribution	17.4806

5. These current percentages were derived by multiplying the number of eligible households on each reservation times three, then dividing by the total number of eligible households in the state per the special tabulation run by the census bureau on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) based on the 2000 census.
6. Currently, funds distributed to the six tribes in the above table are allocated directly to the tribes from the federal government. Changes due to this bill would increase the revenues to DPHHS and the associated appropriation.
7. HB 699 HHS will set aside funds at the newly established rate for six tribal governments to use in their energy assistance programs as follows, and the state will continue to serve eligible households on the Crow reservation:

	Heating Assistance Caseload Reported to HHS for 2006	Caseload as a Percent of Eligible Households (86,925)	Set Aside from \$13,983,000 Federal Award Based on Percent From HB 699	Set Aside from \$13,983,000 Using Current Memorandum of Agreement	Change in Set Aside per HB 699 (Balance goes to the state)
Fort Peck	996	1.15%	\$160,219	\$545,325	
Blackfeet	1,133	1.30%	\$182,258	\$622,539	
Chippewa Cree	509	0.59%	\$81,879	\$159,254	
Salish Kootenai	813	0.94%	\$130,781	\$610,474	
Fort Belknap	320	0.37%	\$51,476	\$219,578	
Northern Cheyenne	<u>400</u>	<u>0.46%</u>	<u>\$64,345</u>	<u>\$287,140</u>	
Total Tribal Distribution	4,171	4.80%	\$670,959	\$2,444,310	(\$1,773,351)
Remainder of State	21,221	95.20%	\$13,312,041	\$11,538,690	\$1,773,351

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	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Benefits	\$0	\$1,773,351	\$1,773,351	\$1,773,351
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$1,773,351	\$1,773,351	\$1,773,351
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$1,773,351	\$1,773,351	\$1,773,351
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				

Technical Notes:

The H699 states that this applies to the heating season that begins in October 2008, therefore, there is no fiscal impact until FY 2009.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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