

**Amendment to HB 645**

**OPI Budget Program 6**

Appropriate \$100,000 to the Montana Learning Center for facility repair, handicap retrofit, and maintenance.

Rationale:

## Montana Learning Center at Canyon Ferry Lake

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**Mission Statement:** The Montana Learning Center at Canyon Ferry Lake provides and promotes exemplary mathematics and science education for all.

### Montana Learning Center Infrastructure Needs

#### Legislative Request

MLC is currently seeking a little over \$100,000 from the next biennium general fund budget for maintenance and upkeep. It is our intention that the funding should go into infrastructure improvement and energy retrofits designed to maintain the buildings, improve energy efficiency, improve handicapped access and enhance the utility of the space.

\$ 791,000

#### Infrastructure Immediate Needs

- Handicap access to three buildings: (dining room; classroom building; computer building - includes doorways, sinks, toilet, bath fixtures, additional ramps, etc.) Estimation. by Matt Warner, Helena engineer : \$33,000
- Kitchen/dining room retro-fit (electrical upgrade and retrofit to accommodate commercial size appliances) Estimation by commercial electrical contractor and general contractor for retrofit: \$34,000
- Retrofit modification to heating systems to improve efficiency by 20%. Estimation by Gene Hickman \$6,000 per house for 15 houses for a total of \$90,000
- Replacement of old style dorm windows in 7 houses with double pane low-e models. Estimation by Mel Barber \$35,000.
- Water pump and irrigation system for grounds. There is currently too much demand for the two wells and the upper well goes dry during times of heavy usage for houses and for watering the grounds. We have the water rights but need to install a pump at the lake as well as set up a system of hydrants for watering the grounds. Estimation by Mel Barber \$25,000 with a goal to Zero-scaping to minimize water use
- Resurfacing flooring, plumbing repair, electrical system repair, new heating system and painting for house flooded from frozen pipe \$36,000

#### Long Term Structure Priorities

- Dock redesign and update slips to maintenance free surfaces \$38,000
- Dorm replacements or expanded shower facilities within existing dorms
- New building for large meetings and kitchen facilities