

HOUSE BILL NO. 266

INTRODUCED BY R. SHAW

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES PROJECTS STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR GRANTS TO JEFFERSON COUNTY FOR THE BIG PIPESTONE/JEFFERSON RIVER SLOUGH WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECTS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR THE GRANTS; PROVIDING CONDITIONS FOR THE GRANTS; PROVIDING FOR THE REVERSION OF FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Transfer of funds. By July 15, 2013, the state treasurer shall transfer \$1,273,686 from the general fund to the natural resources projects state special revenue account established in 15-38-302.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. (1) For the biennium ending June 30, 2015, there is appropriated \$1,273,686 to the department of natural resources and conservation from the natural resources projects state special revenue account from the transfer authorized by [section 1] for five grants to Jefferson County for the following Big Pipestone/Jefferson River Slough Watershed Restoration projects:

- (a) Landowner #24 Ranch Channel Restoration, \$760,500;
- (b) Riparian Management Plan Development, \$15,500;
- (c) Beaver Management Planning, \$21,240;
- (d) Landowner #7 Channel Restoration, \$299,596; and
- (e) Jefferson Slough Hydrology and Sedimentology Stations, \$176,850.

(2) This appropriation constitutes a valid obligation of these funds for purposes of encumbering funds during the biennium ending June 30, 2015, pursuant to 17-7-302.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Approval of grants. The legislature, pursuant to 85-1-605, approves the grants listed in [section 2].

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2 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Conditions of grants.** Disbursement of funds under [sections 1 through
3 3] for the grants is subject to the following conditions that must be met by the project sponsor:

4 (1) approval of a scope of work and budget for the project by the department of natural resources and
5 conservation;

6 (2) completion of conditions specified at the time of written notification of approved grant authority;

7 (3) execution of a grant agreement with the department; and

8 (4) accomplishment of other specific requirements considered necessary by the department to meet the
9 purpose of the grant as evidenced from the application to the department or from the proposal to the legislature.

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11 NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Notification -- reversion of funds.** If a grant sponsor listed in [section 2]
12 determines that a project identified in [section 2] will not begin before June 30, 2015, the sponsor shall notify the
13 department of natural resources and conservation. Any unencumbered funds for the project must revert to the
14 general fund.

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16 NEW SECTION. **Section 6. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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