

HOUSE BILL NO. 634

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR GENETIC RESEARCH GRANTS RELATED TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE GRANTS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, of Americans aged 65 and older, 1 in 9 has Alzheimer's and 1 in 3 people aged 85 and older has the disease;

WHEREAS, in Montana, an estimated 21,000 individuals have Alzheimer's disease and nearly 47,000 family and friends provide unpaid care valued at \$645 million; and

WHEREAS, finding the cause of Alzheimer's disease and its possible cure or preventative measures will save lives and reduce medical expenses.

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

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Transfers.** (1) Upon passage and approval of [this act], the state treasurer shall transfer \$500,000 from the public health operations account provided for in 53-2-208 to the credit of the department of public health and human services for grant funding under [sections 2 and 3].

(2) Any funds remaining in the operations account provided for in 53-2-208 on June 30, 2015, must be transferred to the credit of the department of public health and human services for additional grant funding under [sections 2 and 3].

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation.** In the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, there is appropriated \$2 million from the general fund to the department of health and human services to provide grant funding for innovative genetic research related to Alzheimer's disease at an independent, nonprofit research institute.



1            **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Conditions of grant.** (1) Any entity receiving a grant under [section 2] must  
2 evidence it has made substantial contributions to our understanding of Alzheimer's disease mechanisms in the  
3 past.

4            (2) Any entity receiving a grant under [section 2] must evidence it has nonstate matching funds at least  
5 equal to the amount applied for.

6            (3) The entity must also provide the department of public health and human services a final report  
7 describing the outcomes of the studies upon completion of the work supported by the grant.

8            (4) Prior to receiving funding, the entity must sign a grant contract with the department. The agreement  
9 must provide that the state shall receive 25% of all royalties related to discoveries arising from the research  
10 conducted under the grant made in [section 2].

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12            **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective upon passage and approval.

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