

HOUSE BILL NO. 756
INTRODUCED BY C. KAUFMANN

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED BY INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 146 FOR IMPLEMENTING THE STATEWIDE TOBACCO DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

WHEREAS, the health of Montanans is harmed by tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the largest cause of preventable death in Montana; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the taxpayers and the State of Montana for providing health care to those harmed by tobacco is large; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive tobacco disease prevention programs are proved to save lives and money by preventing tobacco use and helping users quit tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, Montana receives annual payments from tobacco companies that can be used for comprehensive prevention purposes; and

WHEREAS, 65% of Montana voters in the November 2002 general election voted for dedicating an amount equal to 32% of the state's tobacco settlement proceeds for a comprehensive tobacco disease prevention program designed to prevent children from starting tobacco use and to help adults quit tobacco use.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation. (1) The following amounts are appropriated for the 2004-05 biennium to the department of public health and human services from the tobacco settlement proceeds account in the state special revenue fund, as provided for in 17-6-606(2), for implementation of a comprehensive tobacco disease prevention program that includes community-based and Indian community programs, statewide training and technical assistance, school-based programs, cessation programs, public education and awareness programs, programs for special-emphasis populations, monitoring and evaluation, administration, planning, and management in accordance with the best practice standards of the centers for disease control and prevention:

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| FY 2004 | \$9,031,360 |
| FY 2005 | 9,257,600 |

(2) Except as provided in 17-6-606(4), any amount of funds not expended in fiscal year 2004 may be expended in fiscal year 2005.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell band of Chippewa.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2003.

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