

HOUSE BILL NO. 191
INTRODUCED BY R. ERICKSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING \$100 MILLION FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO BE USED AS GRANTS TO COUNTIES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; REQUIRING THE AMOUNT PROVIDED TO EACH COUNTY TO BE BASED ON COUNTY POPULATION; DEFINING "INFRASTRUCTURE"; CLARIFYING THAT THE GRANTS ARE NOT INTENDED TO REPLACE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM FUNDING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation for distribution to counties -- county use of funds for infrastructure projects. (1) There is appropriated to the department of commerce \$100 million from the state general fund for the purpose of providing grants to counties for county infrastructure projects and for providing matching funds for infrastructure needs, as determined by the county governing body.

(2) The amount provided to each county must be based on the county's population, relative to the total population of the state.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "infrastructure" means public buildings, public streets and highways, bridges, telecommunications, water and sewer systems, solid waste facilities, fire protection facilities, and any other type of public facility or structure determined by the governing body to be necessary or beneficial to county residents.

(4) The grants provided to counties under this section do not replace and are not intended to have any effect on projects being considered under the treasure state endowment program provided for in Title 90, chapter 6, part 7.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.

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