

HOUSE BILL NO. 11

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BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION AND THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITIES FOR REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation from treasure state endowment regional water system special revenue account. (1) There is appropriated \$6,863,000 to the department of natural resources and conservation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, from the treasure state endowment regional water system special revenue account to finance the state's share of regional water system projects authorized in subsection (2) and as set forth in 90-6-715.

(2) The state's four regional water authorities are authorized to receive the funds appropriated in subsection (1) as long as there are sufficient funds available from the amount that was deposited into the treasure state endowment regional water system special revenue account during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019.

(3) A regional water authority's receipt of funds is dependent on the authority's compliance with the conditions described in [section 3(1)].

(4) This section constitutes a valid obligation of funds to the regional water authorities identified in subsection (2) for purposes of encumbering the treasure state endowment regional water system special revenue account funds received during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, under 17-7-302.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Approval of funds -- completion of appropriation. (1) The legislature, pursuant to 90-6-715, authorizes funds for the regional water authorities identified in [section 1(2)].

(2) The authorization of these funds completes an appropriation from the treasure state endowment regional water system special revenue account provided for in 17-5-703(3)(b).



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2 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Conditions -- manner of disbursement of funds. (1) The disbursement
3 of funds under [sections 1 and 2] is subject to completion of the following conditions:

4 (a) The regional water authority shall execute an agreement with the department of natural resources
5 and conservation.

6 (b) The regional water authority must have a project management plan that is approved by the
7 department.

8 (c) The regional water authority shall establish a financial accounting system that the department can
9 reasonably ensure conforms to generally accepted accounting principles.

10 (d) The regional water authority shall provide the department with a detailed preliminary engineering
11 report.

12 (2) The department shall disburse funds on a reimbursement basis as the regional water authority incurs
13 eligible project expenses.

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15 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a
16 copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell
17 Chippewa tribe.

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19 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2019.

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