

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 632

2 INTRODUCED BY F. GARNER, E. BUTTREY

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT;  
5 PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF  
6 THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021; ALLOWING  
7 APPROPRIATIONS TO CONTINUE INTO THE 2023 BIENNIAL AND 2025 BIENNIUMS; PROVIDING  
8 CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF FUNDS; CREATING ADVISORY COMMISSIONS  
9 RELATED TO INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNICATIONS, ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND  
10 STABILIZATION, AND HEALTH; PROVIDING DEADLINES AND OTHER CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE  
11 GRANT PROCESS; REQUIRING THE USE OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR CERTAIN GRANTS; PROVIDING  
12 FOR AN OUTREACH TEAM TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE GRANT PROCESS; PROVIDING  
13 FOR FUNDING FOR STATE CAPITAL PROJECTS AND GRANTS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER  
14 PROJECTS; PROVIDING MINIMUM ALLOCATION GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR  
15 QUALIFYING PROJECTS; PROVIDING FOR A GRANT PROCESS FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND  
16 ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND STABILIZATION PROJECTS; PROVIDING GRANTS TO REGIONAL  
17 WATER AUTHORITIES; REQUIRING PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND REPORTING ON PROJECTS;  
18 PROVIDING COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS TO FUND QUALIFYING LONG-RANGE PROJECTS WITH  
19 FEDERAL FUNDS; PROVIDING THE EXECUTIVE THE AUTHORITY TO MODIFY AND REPORT  
20 MODIFICATIONS TO APPROPRIATIONS AND PARAMETERS OF PROGRAMS TO THE LEGISLATIVE  
21 FINANCE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR A REDUCTION TO GRANT AWARDS TO LOCAL  
22 GOVERNMENTS BASED ON HEALTH REGULATIONS THAT ARE MORE STRICT THAN THOSE OF THE  
23 STATE; AMENDING SECTION 2-17-603, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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(Refer to Introduced Bill)

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Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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2 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Infrastructure advisory commission.** (1) There is an American Rescue

3 Plan infrastructure advisory commission.

4 (2) The commission consists of nine members, who must be appointed as follows:

5 (a) three senators, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the senate  
6 president;

7 (b) three representatives, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the  
8 speaker of the house; and

9 (c) three members appointed by the governor.

10 (3) The commission shall review applications for funding for state capital projects and state and local  
11 government water and wastewater projects and shall provide recommendations to the executive on which  
12 projects should be funded. Projects approved by the 67th legislature for funding in House Bill No. 5, 6, 7, 11, or  
13 14 are not submitted to the commission.

14 (4) Appointed members of the commission must be compensated and receive travel expenses as  
15 provided for in 2-15-124 for each day in attendance at commission meetings or in the performance of any duty  
16 or service as a commission member.

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18 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriations for capital projects and water and wastewater  
19 projects -- matching funds.** (1) There are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of

20 2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated to the office of budget and program planning for state infrastructure  
21 projects and local infrastructure grants as follows:

Amount	ARPA Section
500,000,000	602
119,300,000	604

25 (2) For any water or wastewater grant awarded to a local government with these funds, a local  
26 government must provide matching funds.

27 (3) For the purposes of [this act], "local government" means any tribe, city, town, county, consolidated  
28 city-county, or school district.

1 (4) For the purposes of [this act], " state infrastructure projects" includes projects for state-owned  
2 buildings and facilities as well as within the Montana university system, including community colleges in the  
3 state.

4 (5) References to "ARPA Section" mean references to section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act  
5 of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602 or section  
6 604.

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8 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Eligibility -- submission deadline -- priority -- approval of**  
9 **recommendations.** (1) State and local governments shall submit grant requests and supporting materials,  
10 including the amount of matching funds available, to the applicable agency by July 1, 2021, in order to be  
11 eligible for funding under [section 2]. The agency will review grant applications, rank projects, and issue a list of  
12 recommended projects to the advisory commission by August 15, 2021.

13 (2) The applicable agency shall submit a list of recommended state capital projects to the advisory  
14 commission by August 15, 2021.

15 (3) The advisory commission shall review the lists of recommended projects and issue a final list of  
16 recommended projects to the executive by September 1, 2021.

17 (4) In preparing recommendations, for capital projects, preference must be given to projects that carry  
18 out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in  
19 response to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. For local government grants, preference  
20 may also be given to projects that provide a higher match rate.

21 (5) The recommendations of the advisory commission must be considered by the governor and  
22 reviewed to comply with the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance. The governor may modify  
23 recommendations and shall provide the final list of approved projects to the legislative finance committee by  
24 October 15, 2021. If it is later determined that a project cannot be completed, the governor may authorize  
25 another project and provide a report to the legislative finance committee. If it is determined at any time that a  
26 project is identified not to be eligible based on federal guidance or regulation and, if completed, would result in  
27 a reduction in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act or require the state to repay or refund money to the  
28 federal government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act, the governor may authorize another project and

1 provide a report to the legislative finance committee.

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3 NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. MINIMUM ALLOCATION GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. (1) THE AMOUNT OF  
4 \$150 MILLION OF THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN [SECTION 2] MUST BE USED TO  
5 PROVIDE MINIMUM ALLOCATION GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.

6 (2) THE AMOUNT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE IN GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION IS IN THE  
7 SAME PROPORTION AND USING THE SAME RATIOS PROVIDED FOR IN 15-70-101(2)(B), (2)(C), AND (3).

8 (3) (A) TO RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR  
9 A QUALIFYING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT AND PLEDGE MATCHING FUNDS.

10 (B) A QUALIFYING PROJECT IS A PROJECT THAT COMPLIES WITH THE USES AUTHORIZED FOR THE CORONAVIRUS  
11 STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS.

12 (C) THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL PLEDGE THE GREATER OF:

13 (I) ONE-TO-ONE MATCHING FUNDS; OR

14 (II) 25% OF THE AMOUNT THAT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECEIVED IN CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY  
15 FUNDS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.

16 (D) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY USE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS AS MATCHING FUNDS.

17 (4) GRANT FUNDS NOT CLAIMED BY JANUARY 1, 2023, ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE COMPETITIVE GRANT  
18 PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE GRANT  
19 PROGRAM.

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21 NEW SECTION. SECTION 5. GRANTS TO REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITIES -- MATCHING FUNDS -- USES. (1)  
22 OF THE APPROPRIATION MADE IN [SECTION 2] OF CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS, \$10 MILLION IS  
23 ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGIONAL WATER  
24 AUTHORITY A GRANT OF \$2.5 MILLION.

25 (2) FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, A REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY MUST PROVIDE ONE-TO-ONE MATCHING  
26 FUNDS TO BE COMPRISED OF LOANS SECURED BY COAL SEVERANCE TAX BONDS MADE PURSUANT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 8.

27 (3) THE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY MUST USE GRANT FUNDS AND LOANS SECURED BY BONDS TO SERVE AS  
28 MATCHING FUNDS FOR FEDERAL GRANTS.

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**NEW SECTION. Section 6. Outreach team -- grant application and engineering assistance. (1)**

The department of commerce shall assemble an outreach team to notify local governments, with an emphasis on rural local governments, of the funding opportunities provided for in this bill related to communications, economic TRANSFORMATION AND stabilization, and infrastructure projects.

(2) The outreach team shall also assist local governments in the application process and offer engineering assistance.

(3) The department may hire modified FTE or contract to create the outreach team.

(4) There must be an appropriation of administrative funds.

**NEW SECTION. Section 7. Communications advisory commission. (1)** There is an American

Rescue Plan communications advisory commission.

(2) The commission consists of nine members, who must be appointed as follows:

(a) three senators, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the senate president;

(b) three representatives, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house; and

(c) three members, appointed by the governor.

(3) The commission shall review applications for funding for grants for communications projects and provide recommendations to the executive on which projects should be funded.

(4) Appointed members of the commission shall be compensated and receive travel expenses as provided for in 2-15-124 for each day in attendance at commission meetings or in the performance of any duty or service as a commission member.

**NEW SECTION. Section 8. Appropriations for communications project grants. (1)** There are

federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the governor for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, for communications project grants as follows. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the

1 following items. Appropriations are authorized to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023.

2	Amount	ARPA Section
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3	250,000,000	9901, 602
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4 (2) Communication projects are those related to broadband, cell towers, or public safety.

5 (3) For any grant awarded with these funds, a local government or private entity must provide matching  
6 funds.

7 (4) References to "ARPA Section" mean references to section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act  
8 of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602 or section  
9 604.

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11 **NEW SECTION. Section 9. Eligibility -- submission deadline -- preference -- approval of**

12 **recommendations.** (1) Local governments and private entities shall submit grant requests and supporting  
13 materials, including the amount of matching funds available, to the applicable state agency by July 1, 2021, in  
14 order to be eligible for funding under [section ~~6-7~~ 8]. The agency will review grant applications, rank projects,  
15 and issue a list of recommended projects to the advisory commission by August 15, 2021.

16 (2) The advisory commission shall review the lists of recommended projects and issue a final list of  
17 recommended projects to the executive by September 1, 2021.

18 (3) (a) In preparing recommendations, preference must be given to projects that provide broadband  
19 access to underserved and high needs areas. Preference may also be given to projects that provide a higher  
20 match rate.

21 (b) As used in subsection (3)(a), "underserved" means an area where at least 90% of the population  
22 either has no access to broadband service or does not have access to broadband service offered with:

23 (i) a download speed of at least 25 megabits each second;

24 (ii) an upload speed of at least 50 megabits each second; and

25 (iii) latency that is sufficiently low to allow real-time, interactive applications.

26 (4) The recommendations of the advisory commission must be considered by the governor and  
27 reviewed to comply with the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance. The governor may modify  
28 recommendations and shall provide the final list of approved projects to the legislative finance committee by

1 October 15, 2021. If it is later determined that a project cannot be completed, the governor may authorize  
 2 another project and provide a report to the legislative finance committee. If at any time it is determined that a  
 3 project is identified not to be eligible based on federal guidance or regulation and, if completed, would result in  
 4 a reduction in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act or require the state to repay or refund money to the  
 5 federal government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act, the governor may authorize another project and  
 6 provide a report to the legislative finance committee.

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8 **NEW SECTION. Section 10. Economic TRANSFORMATION AND stabilization ADVISORY commission.**

9 (1) There is an American Rescue Plan economic TRANSFORMATION AND stabilization advisory commission.

10 (2) The commission consists of nine members, who must be appointed as follows:

11 (a) three senators, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the senate  
12 president;

13 (b) three representatives, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the  
14 speaker of the house; and

15 (c) three members appointed by the governor.

16 (3) The commission shall review applications for funding for economic TRANSFORMATION AND  
17 stabilization projects and provide a list of recommendations to the executive.

18 (4) Appointed members of the commission must be compensated and receive travel expenses as  
19 provided for in 2-15-124 for each day in attendance at commission meetings or in the performance of any duty  
20 or service as a commission member.

21 (5) THE ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND STABILIZATION ADVISORY COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE APPLICANTS  
 22 TO DISCLOSE WHETHER THEY RECEIVED MONEY ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE FROM THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF,  
 23 AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT OF 2020 (CARES ACT) OR THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL  
 24 APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2020 (CRRSA) AND, IF SO, THE AMOUNT RECEIVED AND THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE  
 25 AWARD. IN MAKING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, THE ADVISORY COMMISSION SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT THE  
 26 APPLICANT HAS ALREADY BENEFITED FROM FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19, BUT A  
 27 PREVIOUS CARES ACT OR CRRSA AWARD MAY NOT PRECLUDE CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION.

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1            NEW SECTION. Section 11. Appropriations for economic TRANSFORMATION AND stabilization  
 2 **grants.** There are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2,  
 3 appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the governor for the fiscal year  
 4 beginning July 1, 2020, for economic TRANSFORMATION AND stabilization grants or loans as follows.  
 5 Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the following items. Appropriations are authorized to  
 6 continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023.

7            Amount	ARPA Section
8            150,000,000	9901, 602

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 10           NEW SECTION. Section 12. Eligibility -- submission deadline -- preference -- approval of  
 11 **recommendations.** (1) Businesses shall submit grant requests and supporting materials to the applicable state  
 12 agency by July 1, 2021, in order to be eligible for funding under [section 9 ~~10~~ 11]. The agency will review grant  
 13 applications, rank grant applications, and issue a list of recommended grants to the ADVISORY commission  
 14 ESTABLISHED IN [SECTION 8 10] by August 15, 2021.

15           (2) The advisory commission shall review the lists of recommended grants and other proposed uses of  
 16 the funds and issue a final list of recommended grants and uses of funds to the executive by September 1,  
 17 2021.

18           (3) THE ADVISORY COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE OVERSIGHT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUNDS  
 19 APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO [SECTION 44 13 THROUGH 44 16].

20           ~~(3)~~(4) The recommendations of the advisory commission must be considered by the governor and  
 21 reviewed to comply with the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance. The governor may modify  
 22 recommendations and shall provide the final list of approved projects to the legislative finance committee by  
 23 October 15, 2021. If it is later determined that a project cannot be completed, the governor may authorize  
 24 another project and provide a report to the legislative finance committee. If at any time it is determined that a  
 25 project is identified not to be eligible based on federal guidance or regulation and, if completed, would result in  
 26 a reduction in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act or require the state to repay or refund money to the  
 27 federal government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act, the governor may authorize another project and  
 28 provide a report to the legislative finance committee.



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**NEW SECTION. Section 13. Appropriations for housing and workforce training programs. (1)**

There are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department of commerce as follows for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the following items. Appropriations are authorized to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023.

Amount	Purpose	ARPA Section
50,000,000	Mortgage Assistance	3206, 3208
11,000,000	Revolving Fund for Low-Income Housing	3205
152,400,000	Emergency Rental Assistance	3201, 3202, 3204
	Workforce	

(2) Grants and other uses of funds must be targeted to industries with workforce shortages and promoting high-demand, high-wage jobs, and short-term training to be delivered in the private sector.

(3) For Emergency Rental Assistance, funds may be used to pay rent or rental arrears to any place where someone pays on a periodic basis for shelter, including but not limited to nursing homes, senior assisted living, group homes, low-income housing, workforce housing, transitional housing, and correctional facilities.

(4) The ~~economic stabilization~~ ADVISORY commission ESTABLISHED IN [SECTION 8 10] shall provide oversight to the department on the use of funds in this section.

(5) The department of commerce or applicable agency is encouraged to use existing programs, where feasible, to implement the programs provided for in this section.

**NEW SECTION. Section 14. State Small Business Credit Initiative insert.** There is appropriated to

the department of commerce up to \$65 million in federal funds received pursuant to section 3301 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, for the State Small Business Credit Initiative. Funds are to be distributed in accordance with department of treasury guidelines and as detailed in the department of commerce application specific to the program. The appropriation is for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and is authorized to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2031.

1            **NEW SECTION. Section 15. Appropriations to department of labor and industry.** (1) There are  
 2 federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated to  
 3 the department of labor and industry for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, that are authorized to continue  
 4 through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the following  
 5 items.

6            Amount	Purpose	ARPA Section
7            5,500,000	Workforce	2206
8            5,200,000	Unemployment Administration	9031, 9032

9            (2) References to "ARPA Section" mean references to sections of the American Rescue Plan Act of  
 10 2021, Public Law 117-2.

12           **NEW SECTION. Section 16. Appropriations to department of transportation -- grants.** (1) There  
 13 are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated  
 14 to the department of transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, that are authorized to continue  
 15 through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the following  
 16 items.

17           Amount	Purpose	ARPA Section
18           600,000	Grants to Airports	7102
19           800,000	Grants for Rural Transit	3401

20           (2) References to "ARPA Section" mean references to sections of the American Rescue Plan Act of  
 21 2021, Public Law 117-2.

23           **NEW SECTION. Section 17. Health advisory commission.** (1) There is an American Rescue Plan  
 24 health advisory commission.

25           (2) The commission consists of nine members, who must be appointed as follows:

26           (a) three senators, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the senate  
 27 president;

28           (b) three representatives, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the

1 speaker of the house; and

2 (c) three members appointed by the governor.

3 (3) The commission shall recommend how funds allocated to the department of public health and  
4 human services are to be used.

5 (4) Appointed members of the commission must be compensated and receive travel expenses as  
6 provided for in 2-15-124 for each day in attendance at commissions meetings or in the performance of any duty  
7 or service as a commission member.

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9 **NEW SECTION. Section 18. Deadlines -- meetings -- recommendations -- approval.** (1) The  
10 committee shall meet on or before June 1, 2021, and shall report its recommendations to the director of the  
11 department of public health and human services on or before June 15, 2021.

12 (2) The recommendations of the advisory commission must be considered by the executive. The  
13 department shall provide reports to the commission on implementation.

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15 **NEW SECTION. Section 19. Appropriations to department of public health and human**  
16 **services.** (1) There are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law  
17 117-2, appropriated to the department of public health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
18 2020, and continuing into the biennium beginning July 1, 2021. Appropriations are authorized to continue  
19 through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the following  
20 items. References to "ARPA Section" mean references to sections in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,  
21 Public Law 117-2.

22	Amount	Program	ARPA Section
23	13,000,000	SNAP	1101,1102
24	200,000	Commodity Supplemental Food Program	1104
25	900,000	Family Violence Prevention	2204
26	1,111,000	Child Abuse Prevention	2205
27	22,500,000	Vaccine Distribution and Supply	2301
28	143,400,000	Testing and Contact Tracing	2401

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67th Legislature

Drafter: Julie Johnson, 406-444-4024

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1	111,000,000	Child Care Stabilization & Block Grants	2201, 2202
2	1,700,000	State Veterans' Homes	8004
3	23,000,000	Public Health Workforce	2501
4	20,000,000	Rapid Retraining Jobs Training	9901/602
5	17,000,000	SAMHSA/Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder	
6		Mental Health Block Grant	2701
7		Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment	2702
8		Block Grant	
9		Mental and Behavioral Health Training	2703
10		Grants for Healthcare Providers to Promote	2705
11		Mental and Behavioral Health	
12		Community-based Funding for Local	
13		Substance Use Disorder Services	2706
14		Community-based Funding for	2707
15		Local Behavioral Health Needs	
16	21,000,000	LIHEAP/Water Assistance	2911, 2912
17	1,000,000	Supporting Older Americans and Families	2921
18		Home and Community-Based Supportive	2921
19		Services for Blind News Service	
20	930,000	Emergency Food and Shelter Program	4007, 4008
21	2,726,000	Pandemic Emergency Assistance	9201
22		Elder Justice Programs	9301
23		Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood	9101
24		Home Visiting	
25		WIC	1105

26 (2) For SNAP, the appropriation is to be used for the 15% benefit extension, for administration, and for  
27 contracted private sector workforce training.

28 (3) For Rapid Retraining Jobs Training, funding is appropriated to the department of health and human

1 services for contracted private sector workforce training. This training is to prioritize short-term training for high-  
2 demand occupations. The department will use pay-for-performance contracts and require quarterly reporting  
3 that follows up on individual job placements for 1 full year after training.

4 (4) For SAMHSA, it is the intent of the legislature that the executive consider use of the SAMHSA funds  
5 above for the purposes of the HEART fund and for suicide prevention, including the use of the Utah model for  
6 suicide prevention that includes social media outreach, and for potential use in the department of corrections.

7 (5) For Child Care Stabilization block grants provided for in section 2201 of the American Rescue Plan  
8 Act of 2021, Public Law 117, the department shall use the funds for a subgrant system, prioritized to child care  
9 deserts for one-time equipment and necessary infrastructure, property improvements, worksite child care, and  
10 employee training.

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12 **NEW SECTION. Section 20. Appropriation to the judicial branch.** There is appropriated \$944,721  
13 in federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2 (602), to the  
14 judicial branch to support court operations impacted by the pandemic by streamlining the resolution of family  
15 law cases through early mediation and simplified proceedings in judicial districts with heavy caseloads or in  
16 remote areas of the state.

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18 **NEW SECTION. Section 21. Appropriation to department of justice.** There are federal funds  
19 received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated to the department of  
20 justice for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the  
21 following items. Appropriations are authorized to continue in the biennium beginning July 1, 2023. References  
22 to "ARPA Section" mean references to sections in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

23	Amount	Program	ARPA Section
24	1,000,000	Freezer, Morgue, and Refrigeration Space	9901, 604
25	1,000,000	Crime Lab Facility Space	9901, 602

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27 **NEW SECTION. Section 22. Appropriations to office of public instruction.** (1) There are federal  
28 funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated to the office

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1 of public instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated  
2 to the following items. Appropriations are authorized to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023.  
3 References to "ARPA Section" mean references to sections in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public  
4 Law 117-2.

5	Amount	Purpose	ARPA Section
6	343,817,312	Basic Allocation to School Districts	2001
7	3,400,000	Supplemental Allocation to School Districts	2001
8	120,000	Allocation to Other Educational Institutions	2001
9	555,234	Education Leadership in Montana	2001
10	5,475,248	OPI Database Modernization	2001
11	1,910,096	Administration	2001
12	19,100,962	State Learning Loss	2001
13	3,820,192	State Summer Enrichment	2001
14	3,820,192	State Afterschool Programs	2001
15	7,000,000	Assistance to Nonpublic Schools	2002
16	10,200,000	Individual with Disabilities Act	2014

17 (2) The appropriations to the office of public instruction in subsection (1) are restricted as follows:

18 (a) For Basic Allocation to School Districts, the amount allocated by the office of public instruction to  
19 school districts must be as required by federal law. The office of public instruction shall distribute funds via  
20 grants for expenses that are consistent with section 2001(e) of ESSER III.

21 (b) For Supplemental Allocation to School Districts, the office of public instruction shall allocate the  
22 funds as follows:

23 (i) a school district with fewer than 6 quality educators receives \$10,000;

24 (ii) a school district with 6 or more quality educators that receives less than an amount equal to \$10,000  
25 times the number of the district's quality educators in the basic allocation receives an amount for every quality  
26 educator plus an additional \$50 for every quality educator that the district is below the statewide average of  
27 quality educators for each district;

28 (iii) the amount for every quality educator must be calculated to use the \$3.4 million appropriation; and

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1 (iv) the office of public instruction shall distribute the funds in the same manner as used for the basic  
2 allocation.

3 (c) For Allocation to Other Educational Institutions, an allocation to the school for the deaf and blind,  
4 Pine Hills youth correctional facility, and the youth academy must be made on a per-quality-educator basis. The  
5 office of public instruction shall distribute the funds in the same manner as used for the basic allocation.

6 (d) For Education Leadership in Montana, the office of public instruction shall create a system to build  
7 the capacity of principals, teachers, and other leaders to ensure recovery of each school from the effects of the  
8 covid-19 pandemic in a model that addresses the learning opportunities missed and needed by each person to  
9 reach their full educational potential.

10 (e) For OPI Database Modernization, funds must be used by the office of public instruction to repair,  
11 improve, or replace existing data systems to respond to learning loss associated with the pandemic. Actions  
12 taken must be consistent with 20-7-104.

13 (f) For Administration, funds must be used by the office of public instruction for administration of  
14 ESSER III activities.

15 (g) For State Learning Loss, State Summer Enrichment, and State Afterschool Programs, funds may be  
16 used at the discretion of the office of public instruction for purposes allowed by federal law and may include  
17 grants to school districts. A school district may use these funds to provide allowable support to a special  
18 education cooperative of which it is a member. Any funds granted to school districts must be distributed in the  
19 same manner as used for the basic allocation.

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21 **NEW SECTION. Section 23. Appropriations to commissioner of higher education, state library,**  
22 **and Montana arts council.** (1) There are federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of  
23 2021, Public Law 117-2, appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to agencies  
24 listed below for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. Appropriation authority is intended to be allocated to the  
25 following items. Appropriations are authorized to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023.  
26 References to "ARPA Section" mean references to sections in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public  
27 Law 117-2.

28 Agency Amount Purpose ARPA Section

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1	Office of the Commissioner			
2	of Higher Education			
3		7,500,000	Montana Research and Economic	
4			Development Initiative	602rr
5		1,000,000	Teacher Education Programs	602rr
6		1,000,000	Workforce Recovery COVID-19	602rr
7		2,000,000	Accelerate Montana	602rr
8		1,500,000	Cyber Hub	8006
9		2,000,000	Center for Translational Medicine	602rr
10		2,000,000	Rapid Retraining for Veterans	8006
11	Montana Arts Council	764,000		2021
12	State Library	120,000	Newsline	2921
13		1,235,444	Hot Spot Lending Program	2023
14		1,000,000	E-Learning Digital Content	2023

15 (2) For Teacher Education Programs, the purpose is to retool teacher education programs to train  
16 teachers on proficiency education success in a virtual world.

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18 **NEW SECTION. Section 24. Authorization to modify or increase appropriations and**  
19 **authorizations -- report of modifications or changes.** (1) The governor, or the budget director under the  
20 direction of the governor, is authorized to redirect appropriations and authorizations to other projects or  
21 appropriations within [this act] to ensure conformity with applicable federal laws, regulations, and guidance  
22 issued by federal agencies.

23 (2) (a) If a proposed line-item transfer or a fund switch in [this act] exceeds \$100,000, the budget  
24 director shall submit a legal analysis and detailed description of the requested line-item transfer or fund switch  
25 to the legislative fiscal analyst 30 days prior to the next scheduled meeting of the legislative finance committee.

26 (b) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

27 (i) "Line-item transfer" means the transfer of appropriation authority from one line-item to a different  
28 line-item.



1 (ii) "Fund switch" means a change in a line-item fund source or account to another fund source or  
2 account.

3 (3) The legislative finance committee shall review the proposed line-item transfer or fund switch at the  
4 next meeting. A representative of the office of budget and program planning shall be present at the meeting to  
5 discuss the proposal. The legislative finance committee may take up to 15 days following its meeting to review  
6 and comment on the proposal. The office of budget and program planning may provide a response to the  
7 comments within 15 days of receiving the committee's comments.

8 (4) The governor, or the budget director at the direction of the governor, is authorized to adjust the  
9 parameters of a program or service appropriated in [this act] to ensure conformity with applicable federal laws,  
10 regulations, and guidance issued by federal agencies. If the parameters of a program are adjusted, the office of  
11 budget and program planning shall notify the legislative finance committee of the change at its next scheduled  
12 meeting. The legislative finance committee may take up to 15 days following its meeting to review and  
13 comment on the proposal. The office of budget and program planning may provide a response to the comments  
14 within 15 days of receiving the committee's comments.

15 (5) If a proposed line-item transfer or a fund switch or a modification to the parameters of a program or  
16 service is of an urgent nature, the budget director shall notify the legislative fiscal analyst as soon as possible  
17 and the 30-day notice is not required. The legislative finance committee shall convene as soon as possible to  
18 review the proposal and provide comment. The meeting may be held in a virtual setting.

19 (6) If additional funds are received by the state from the federal government above the levels  
20 appropriated in [this act], House Bill No. 3, or House Bill No. 630, the approving authority as defined in 17-7-102  
21 may authorize a budget amendment as defined in Title 17, chapter 7, part 4, and the requirements of 17-7-  
22 402(1)(e) do not apply. If a federal appropriation is not included in [this act], House Bill No. 3, or House Bill No.  
23 630, for a specific grant authorized by the federal government or in an amount sufficient to appropriate the  
24 entire amount received from a federal agency to deploy funds authorized by the federal government, the  
25 requirements of 17-7-402(1)(e) do not apply.

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27 **NEW SECTION. Section 25. Dissemination PERFORMANCE MEASURES -- DISSEMINATION of**  
28 **information -- reporting and accountability.** (1) AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO A COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY

1 [SECTION 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, OR 15, 17] MUST INCLUDE PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION,  
 2 STAKEHOLDERS, AND THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE APPLICANT INTENDS TO ACCOMPLISH AND, IF SELECTED TO  
 3 RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, A BASIS TO EVALUATE WHETHER THE APPLICANT HAS  
 4 ACHIEVED WHAT IT INTENDED TO ACCOMPLISH. WHERE FEASIBLE, PERFORMANCE MEASURES SHOULD BE QUANTITATIVE.

5 (2) QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORTS MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM  
 6 PLANNING BY ENTITIES THAT RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL MONEY APPROPRIATED IN [THIS ACT] TO PROVIDE AN  
 7 ASSESSMENT OF THE OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES ACHIEVED COMPARED TO THE PERFORMANCE MEASURES SET FORTH IN  
 8 THE ENTITIES' APPLICATIONS. THE REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE 15TH DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH OF EACH  
 9 QUARTER FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE FUNDED PROJECT.

10 (3) The office of budget and program planning shall promote the funding opportunities afforded in [this  
 11 act] and offer an online portal that directs prospective grantees to the various grant programs available  
 12 pursuant to [this act].

13 ~~(2)(4)~~ The office of budget and program planning shall provide quarterly reports to the legislative  
 14 finance committee throughout the interim on the implementation of [this act].

16 NEW SECTION. Section 26. Reduction in funding -- health regulations. If a local government is  
 17 awarded grant funds pursuant to [this act], the amount of the grant is reduced by 20% if that local government  
 18 or any of its authorized agents have issued health regulations related to COVID-19 that are more strict than  
 19 those imposed by the state.

21 ~~NEW SECTION. Section 25. Consideration of select committee proposals.~~ The work of the select  
 22 committee on House Bill No. 632 and its subcommittees must be considered by the advisory commissions  
 23 established in [this act] when preparing final recommendations to the executive.

25 **Section 27.** Section 2-17-603, MCA, is amended to read:

26 **"2-17-603. Government competition with private internet services providers prohibited --**  
 27 **exceptions.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2)(a) or (2)(b), an agency or political subdivision of the state  
 28 may not directly or through another agency or political subdivision be an internet services provider.

- 1 (2) (a) An agency or political subdivision may act as an internet services provider if:
- 2 (i) no private internet services provider is available within the jurisdiction served by the agency or
- 3 political subdivision; or
- 4 (ii) the agency or political subdivision provided services prior to July 1, 2001.
- 5 (b) An agency or political subdivision may act as an internet services provider when providing
- 6 advanced services that are not otherwise available from a private internet services provider within the
- 7 jurisdiction served by the agency or political subdivision.
- 8 (c) If a private internet services provider elects to provide internet services in a jurisdiction where an
- 9 agency or political subdivision is providing internet services, the private internet services provider shall inform
- 10 the agency or the political subdivision in writing at least 30 days in advance of offering internet services.
- 11 (3) Upon receiving notice pursuant to subsection (2)(c), the agency or political subdivision shall notify
- 12 its subscribers within 30 days of the intent of the private internet services provider to begin providing internet
- 13 services and may choose to discontinue providing internet services within 180 days of the notice.
- 14 (4) Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit an agency or political subdivision from:
- 15 (a) offering electronic government services to the general public; or
- 16 (b) acquiring access to the internet from a private internet services provider in order to offer electronic
- 17 government services to the general public; or
- 18 (c) investing in infrastructure to improve, construct, extend, expand, or maintain internet service as
- 19 determined appropriate by the political subdivision. Investment in infrastructure permitted in this section must
- 20 be:
- 21 (i) in cooperation with a private internet service provider; or
- 22 (ii) provided through an agreement or contract with a private internet service provider."

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24 **NEW SECTION. Section 28. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a

25 copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

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27 **COORDINATION SECTION. Section 29. Coordination instruction -- House Bill No. 5.** (1) If both

28 House Bill No. 5 and [this act] are passed and approved, then the appropriations for the OPI MT Learning

1 Center Civil Infrastructure Upgrades and the UM FLBS Sewer Treatment Plant in [section 2(1)] of House Bill  
2 No. 5 are void and there is appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the  
3 department of administration \$2,050,000 from federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan  
4 Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section  
5 602), for those projects.

6 (2) If both House Bill No. 5 and [this act] are passed and approved, then the appropriations for the  
7 following projects in [section 2(1)] of House Bill No. 5 are void and there is appropriated to the office of budget  
8 and program planning and allocated to the department of administration \$5,310,000 from federal funds received  
9 pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the  
10 Social Security Act to include section 604), for those projects:

- 11 (a) MSU Haynes Hall Lab Ventilation Upgrades;
- 12 (b) MSU BLGS Art Annex Safety and System Upgrades;
- 13 (c) UM-HC Donaldson Building HVAC Upgrades;
- 14 (d) MSU-N Auto Tech Building System Improvements;
- 15 (e) MSDB Card Lock System; and
- 16 (f) MSU-N Brockmann Center HVAC and Energy Project.

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18 **COORDINATION SECTION. Section 30. Coordination instruction -- House Bill No. 6.** (1) If both  
19 House Bill No. 6 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [the introductory paragraph of section 1(1)] of  
20 House Bill No. 6 must read:

21 "(1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, there is appropriated to the office of budget and program  
22 planning and allocated to the department of natural resources and conservation from federal funds received  
23 pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the  
24 Social Security Act to include section 602), up to:".

25 (2) If both House Bill No. 6 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 1(2)] of House Bill No.  
26 6 must read:

27 "(2) The amount of \$4,500,000 is appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and  
28 allocated to the department of natural resources and conservation from federal funds received pursuant to the

1 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security  
2 Act to include section 602), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021. The funds referred to in this subsection  
3 must be awarded by the department to the named entities for the described purposes and in the grant amounts  
4 listed in subsection (4), subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 2 and 3] and the contingencies described  
5 in the renewable resource grant and loan program January 2021 report to the 67th legislature titled:  
6 "Governor's Executive Budget Fiscal Years 2021-2023 Volume 6".

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8 COORDINATION SECTION. **Section 31. Coordination instruction -- House Bill No. 7.** If both  
9 House Bill No. 7 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 1(2)] of House Bill No. 7 must read:

10 "(2) The amount of \$3,273,833 is appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and  
11 allocated to the department of natural resources and conservation from the natural resources projects state  
12 special revenue account established in 15-38-302 and the amount of \$429,000 is appropriated to the office of  
13 budget and program planning and allocated to the department of natural resources and conservation from  
14 federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901  
15 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602), for grants to political subdivisions and local  
16 governments during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021. The funds in this subsection must be awarded by the  
17 department to the named entities for the described purposes and in the grant amounts set out in subsection (4)  
18 subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 2 and 3] and the contingencies described in the reclamation and  
19 development grants program report to the 67th legislature titled: "Governor's Executive Budget Fiscal Years  
20 2021-2023 Volume 5".

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22 COORDINATION SECTION. **Section 32. Coordination instruction -- House Bill No. 11.** If both  
23 House Bill No. 11 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 1(1)] of House Bill No. 11 must read:

24 "(1) There is appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department  
25 of commerce \$9,869,800 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, from federal funds received pursuant to the  
26 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security  
27 Act to include section 602), to finance treasure state endowment program grants authorized by subsection (2)."

28 (2) If both House Bill No. 11 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 5] of House Bill No.

1 11 must read:

2 "There is appropriated \$100,000 from federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan  
3 Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section  
4 602), to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department of commerce for the  
5 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing local governments, as defined in 90-6-701, with  
6 emergency grants for infrastructure projects, as defined in 90-6-701."

7 (3) If both House Bill No. 11 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 6] of House Bill No.

8 11 must read:

9 "There is appropriated \$900,000 from federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan  
10 Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section  
11 602), to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department of commerce for the  
12 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing local governments, as defined in 90-6-701, with  
13 the infrastructure planning grants for infrastructure projects, as defined in 90-6-701."

14 (4) If both House Bill No. 11 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 7(1)] of House Bill  
15 No. 11 must read:

16 "There is appropriated \$5,000,000 from the federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue  
17 Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include  
18 section 602), to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department of natural resources  
19 and conservation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, to finance the state's share of regional water system  
20 projects authorized in subsection (2) and as set forth in 90-6-715."

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22 COORDINATION SECTION. **Section 33. Coordination instruction -- House Bill No. 14.** (1) If both  
23 House Bill No. 14 and [this act] are passed and approved, then there is appropriated from the federal funds  
24 received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI  
25 of the Social Security Act to include section 604), to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to  
26 the department of administration:

27 (a) \$26,200,000 for the MT Veterinarian Diagnostic & Ag Analytical Labs;

28 (b) \$6,500,000 for Liquor Warehouse Expansion; and

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1 (c) \$4,800,000 for the UM-W Block Hall Renovation.

2 (2) If both House Bill No. 14 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 5(1)] of House Bill  
3 No. 14 must read:

4 "(1) There is appropriated to the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department  
5 of commerce \$13,707,898 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, from federal funds received pursuant to the  
6 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security  
7 Act to include section 602), to finance treasure state endowment program grants authorized by subsection (2)."

8 (3) If both House Bill No. 14 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 9(1)] of House Bill  
9 No. 14 must read:

10 "(1) There is appropriated from federal funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of  
11 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 9901 (amending Title VI of the Social Security Act to include section 602), to  
12 the office of budget and program planning and allocated to the department of natural resources and  
13 conservation up to \$4,720,788 for grants to political subdivisions and local governments for the biennium  
14 beginning July 1, 2021. The funds referred to in this subsection must be awarded by the department to the  
15 named entities for the described purposes and in the grant amounts listed in subsection (3), subject to the  
16 conditions set forth in [sections 11 and 12] and the contingencies described in the renewable resource grant  
17 and loan program January 2021 report to the 67th legislature titled: "Governor's Executive Budget Fiscal Years  
18 2021-2023 Volume 6"."

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20 **COORDINATION SECTION. Section 34. Coordination instruction -- House Bill No. 497.** If both  
21 House Bill No. 497 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section ~~15-16~~ 17 of this act] must be amended  
22 to read:

23 **"Section ~~15-16~~ 17. Health advisory commission and human services budget committee --**  
24 **recommendations.** (1) ~~There is an American Rescue Plan health advisory commission.~~

25 ~~(2) The commission consists of nine members, who must be appointed as follows:~~

26 ~~(a) three senators, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the senate~~  
27 ~~president;~~

28 ~~(b) three representatives, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the~~

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1 speaker of the house; and

2 (c) three members appointed by the governor.

3 ~~(3) The commission shall recommend how funds allocated to the department of public health and~~  
4 ~~human services are to be used.~~ The health and human services budget committee established pursuant to  
5 House Bill No. 497 shall recommend how funds appropriated to the department of public health and human  
6 services are to be used.

7 ~~(4)(2)~~ Appointed members of the ~~commission~~ committee must be compensated and receive travel  
8 expenses as provided for in 2-15-124 for each day in attendance at ~~commissions~~ committee meetings or in the  
9 performance of any duty or service as a ~~commission~~ committee member.

10 (3) If both House Bill No. 497 and [this act] are passed and approved, all references to the health and  
11 human services commission must be replaced with references to the committee."

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13 NEW SECTION. Section 35. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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