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DATE: September 10, 2020
TO: Legislative Finance Committee
FROM: Kris Wilkinson, Lead Fiscal Analyst
RE: Budget Amendments and Operating Plan Changes

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

As of August 31, 2020, the Legislative Finance Division received notification of 94 budget amendments impacting the 2021 biennia and certified by the Governor since the May 31.

These amendments increase total funds \$40,476,056 million in FY 2020 and \$109,799,281 million in FY 2021. An additional 2.83 FTE in FY 2020 and 25.45 FTE in FY 2021 in modified positions have also been added. Nine amendments transfer existing authority between expenditure categories or between organizational units and 2 extend previously approved amendment authority. Figure 1 summarizes the budget amendments certified by the Governor from the period June 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

Figure 1

Budget Amendment Summary (since last LFC meeting)		
Component	FY 2020	FY 2021
Number of Amendments	46	63
FTE Added	2.83	25.45
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0
Federal Revenue	40,476,056	109,726,881
Proprietary Fund	7,600	72,400
Total Revenue	\$40,483,656	\$109,799,281

Each amendment, along with a brief explanation, is summarized in Appendix C. Staff has reviewed the amendments and has raised no concerns with any amendment meeting statutory criteria.

Figure 2 summarizes the budget amendments that were certified for the 2021 biennia. The various approving authorities have added a total of \$x million in the 2021 biennium.

Figure 2

Budget Amendment Cumulative Summary 2021 Biennia				
LFC Meeting	Number of	2021 Biennium		
2021 Biennium	Amendments	FY 2020	FY 2021	Total
August 30, 2019	38	\$11,963,700	\$320,701	\$12,284,401
November 30, 2019	78	62,547,670	11,109,447	73,657,117
February 29, 2020	0	0	0	0
May 31, 2020	82	131,175,273	17,137,197	148,312,470
August 31, 2020	94	40,483,656	109,799,281	150,282,937
November 30, 2020	0	0	0	0
April 30, 2021	0	0	0	0
August 30, 2021	0	0	0	0
Total	292	\$246,170,299	\$138,366,626	\$384,536,925

Figure 3 reflects the additional budget authority provided to each agency through the budget amendment process in FY 2020 biennium compared to the HB 2 budget as of FYE 2020.

Figure 3

Budget Amendment Authority Comparison with HB 2 Total Funds By State Agency			
State Agency	FY 2020 Budget HB 2	Budget Amendment	% of Modified Budget
Department of Agriculture	\$18,673,079	\$2,014,723	10.79%
Department of Commerce	32,229,805	1,821,418	5.65%
Department of Corrections	226,022,445	4,697,189	2.08%
Department of Environmental Quality	66,945,325	3,555,419	5.31%
Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks	98,666,355	11,007,998	11.16%
Department of Justice	111,010,039	2,494,147	2.25%
Department of Labor and Industry	85,796,939	4,756,352	5.54%
Department of Livestock	13,513,438	697,443	5.16%
Department of Military Affairs	51,491,626	483,773	0.94%
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	74,576,905	27,765,622	37.23%
Department of Public Health and Human Services	2,077,815,554	68,260,046	3.29%
Department of Transportation	684,200,374	42,121,825	6.16%
Governor's Office	10,005,288	8,764,495	87.60%
Judicial Branch	53,662,314	4,511,754	8.41%
Montana Arts Council	1,515,084	513,935	33.92%
Montana State Library	5,709,241	677,346	11.86%
Montana Historical Society	5,346,510	962,293	18.00%
Office of Public Instruction	1,009,873,208	57,035,241	5.65%
Public Service Commission	4,349,622	18,072	0.42%
Secretary of State	0	4,011,208	0.00%
Total	\$4,631,403,151	\$246,170,299	5.32%

OPERATING PLAN CHANGES AND PROGRAM TRANSFERS

The Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP) submitted a total of 3 operating plan changes and program transfers that met statutory criteria for LFC review and comment between August 7, 2020 and September 10, 2020. Staff have reviewed the amendments and have raised no concerns with any of the amendment meeting statutory criteria.

A summary of the changes from OBPP can be found in Appendix D.