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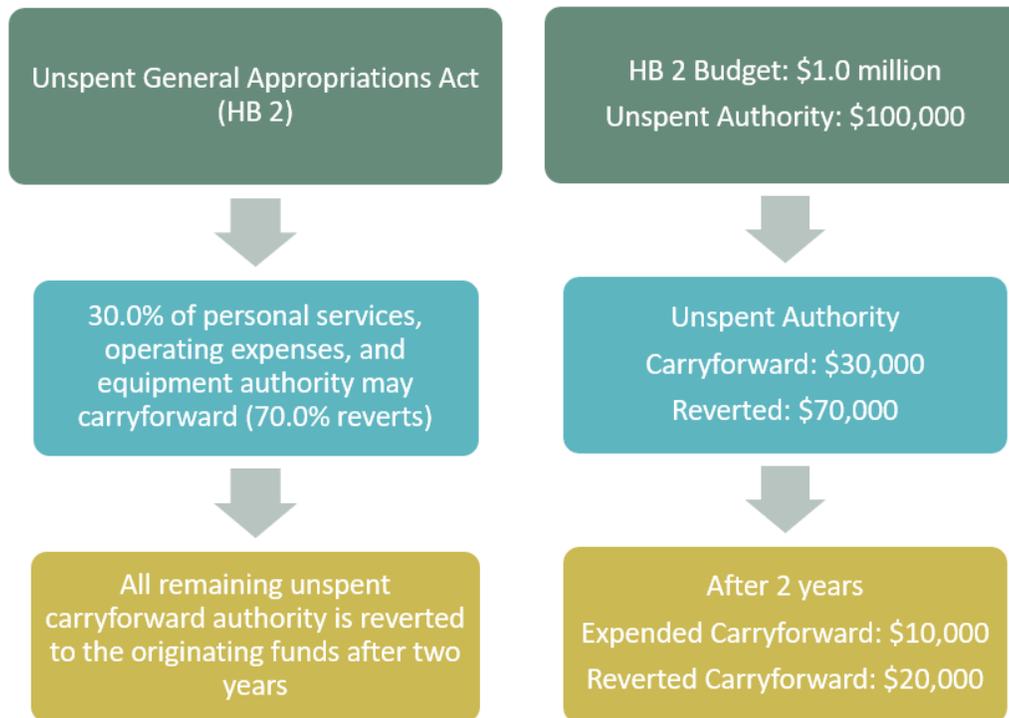
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DATE: March 13, 2024
TO: Section A – Interim Budget Committee
FROM: Molly DelCurto, Fiscal Analyst
RE: Carryforward Authority

Pursuant to 17-7-304(4)(a), MCA, all state agencies may carryforward 30.0% of unspent authority appropriated through the general appropriations act (HB 2) from personal services, operating expenses, and equipment expenditure accounts. This authority is then categorized as the “carryforward” source of authority and is available for up to two fiscal years. Expenditures from this source of authority may be expended for any lawful purpose consistent with the goals and objectives of the agency; however, an agency may not use this authority to issue pay raises. If the agency does not expend this authority within two fiscal years, it will revert back to the funds and accounts it originated from.



Unspent authority from any other source of authority (non-HB 2 authority) is entirely reverted back to the fund and accounts it originated from and will be available to be expended at any time, provided there is enough appropriation authority to do so.