Total Appropriation Authority

The total appropriation authority for the Board of Public Education (BPE) is shown in the pie chart below. HB 2 and HB 13 provide 97.4% of the total authority for this agency. All types of appropriation authority for this agency are described below, including total budget and the percent expended by source of authority.

![Pie Chart](image)

### Carryforward

The BPE had fewer in-person meetings in FY 2021 due to COVID-19 and did not utilize all of its budget authority. As a result of fewer in-person meetings, the agency has a total of $10,638 in carryforward authority that will be used to cover operating expenses.
HB 2 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

The following chart shows the HB 2 budget as passed by the legislature, including the pay plan, and the HB 2 modified budget through November 30, 2021. Net modifications to the budget include operating plan changes from one expenditure account to another, program transfers, reorganizations, and agency transfers of authority. The positive modifications and negative modifications are shown by program, expenditure account, and fund type.

The BPE has not had any budget modifications yet at this point in the fiscal year.
HB 2 Appropriation Authority

The following chart shows the appropriated budget for the agency compared to expenditures through November 30, 2021.

In total, the BPE's HB2 budget was $393,531, of which $131,368 or 33.4% has been expended as of the end of November.

The BPE's HB 2 general fund appropriation consisted of $207,620 of which $102,586 or 49.4% has been expended. The agency also expended $28,781 or 15.5% of its $185,911 state special funds appropriation.

The BPE has expended 33.2% of it's personal services budget and 33.7 % of its operating expenses budget.
Personal Services

The following chart shows the filled and vacant FTE within the agency as of November 1, 2021.

![Position Status Chart]

The agency is fully staffed at this time.

**OTHER ISSUES**

**Additional Information**

The BPE’s state special revenue authority is provided by teacher certification fees of $6.00 per year. These fees are collected by the Office of Public Instruction and then deposited into two funds: an advisory council fund and a research fund. Additional information about the BPE’s state special revenue funds, including historical revenues and appropriations can be found here, under the Meeting Materials section: [https://www.leg.mt.gov/lfd/interim-budget-committee-section-e/](https://www.leg.mt.gov/lfd/interim-budget-committee-section-e/)

The Legislative Audit Division’s most recent financial compliance audit found that BPE was not complying with state law regarding the use of teacher licensing funding. This was a finding in the 2018 audit as well. The audit included a recommendation (Recommendation #1 to seek legislation change to allow the BPE to use all of the teacher licensure revenues for all Board activities, including the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council (CSPAC).

**Revenue**

The OPI has announced that it will be shutting down the teacher licensing system for 5 months starting in January and will not be accepting license applications. This will temporarily halt the state special revenue stream that makes up approximately half of the BPE’s budget. The agency may need to borrow from the general fund to temporarily fund operation. There is no guarantee that the revenue will resume in April or May. This creates uncertainty for the agency.