

## **PRESENT LAW BUDGET ESTIMATE MARCH 2012**

The construction of Executive Planning Process Present Law Budget estimate for the 2015 biennium includes base expenditure issues and assumptions as outlined below.

### **Restoration of Base Expenditures:**

The following examples are base budget expenditures removed during the 13 biennium budget build process. These expenditures had to be requested via a decision package (DP) presented to the Legislature. OCHE is working with OBPP & LFA to find solutions to properly capture University System base expenditures. A restoration DP that is not approved or is reduced by the Legislature becomes a base budget reduction.

- Faculty/Staff Dependent/GTA Waivers
- Extension Service County Agents' Employer Paid Benefits
- Overtime/Additional Compensation/ Communication Device Allowance
- Faculty Termination Costs

### **Personal Services:**

- Promotions and merit contractual increases are campus specific.
- Faculty Termination Cost projections are campus specific projections.

### **Operating Costs:**

- State Fixed Costs and Overhead charges (awaiting specifics estimates from the executive budget process).
- IT Fixed Costs - 7-8%
- Library Acquisition Costs - 7%.
- Utilities are campus specific projections, utilizing the services of utility managers on the Bozeman and Missoula campuses.
- New Space projections include utilities, O & M, and insurance.
- Growth in Resident Student Tuition Waivers is based on campus specific projections. Projections include increased utilization of board designated resident waivers.
- Other Operating Costs - 1% for educational units; specific costs for agencies.
- Growth in Resident Students - The previous 3 biennia have not funded any enrollment growth for Montana students.