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ITEM 194-112-R0521

Request for Authorization and Approval to Proceed with Infrastructure Projects Authorized by the 67ᵗʰ Legislative Session

THAT

The Board of Regents authorizes and approves the Capital Development Projects, Major Repair Projects and Authority Only Projects included in House Bill 5, House Bill 14 and House Bill 632 as authorized by the 67ᵗʰ Montana Legislative Session. The Board of Regents authorizes the Commissioner to identify, prioritize and submit projects that may be eligible for additional federal funding as defined in House Bill 632.

EXPLANATION

1. The 67ᵗʰ Montana Legislative Session authorized $53,520,000 in Capital Development Projects, $19,650,000 in Major Repair Projects and $68,300,000 in Authority Only Projects for Montana University System infrastructure.

2. The Capital Development projects include a new Forestry and Conservation Building at the University of Montana, a major renovation of Block Hall at University of Montana-Western and will update or build five research labs at five separate research centers, a new facility for office space and three labs at an additional research center and a new wool lab facility.

3. The Major Repair Projects include nineteen separate projects totaling $19,650,000 at seven educational units.

4. Authority Only Projects include nine authorities with a total authority of $68,300,000.

5. Additional federal funding for Water/Wastewater Projects and Capital Development Projects may be available to the Montana University System through a competitive bid process administered by the State of Montana which includes identification, prioritization and submission of projects in a time constrained environment which requires the Commissioner the ability to authorize projects on short notice. A report of projects submitted to the State will be provided to the Board.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 – Capital Development Projects
Attachment #2 – Major Repair Projects
Attachment #3 – Authority Only Projects