

Bill Type - Number	Primary Sponsor	Status	Short Title	Comment
HB 2	John E Witt	Signed by Governor	General appropriations act	See MUS 2007 Biennial Comparison (attached). OCHE position: proponent
HB 5	Jack Wells	Signed by Governor	Long-range building appropriations	Provides approximately \$17 million for major maintenance and \$107 million for new construction and renovations in the MUS. OCHE position: proponent
HB 540	Sue Dickenson	Signed by Governor	Bonding for higher education and other state projects	Provides general revenue bonding for: \$11 million at Great Falls COT; \$9 million at Billings COT; \$7.5 million for Helena COT; \$9.0 million for Mt Tech Petroleum bldg.; \$3.5 million for MSU Gaines Hall; \$0.5 million for MSU Ag. Exp. Stations. OCHE position: proponent
HB 16	Rick Ripley	Signed by Governor	Funding for certain nonbeneficiary students	Increases the maximum financial assistance to resident nonbeneficiary students attending tribal community colleges from \$1,500 to approximately \$3,024. The bill limits assistance to those students enrolled in courses for which credit is transferable to another Montana college or university, except for courses directly related to a vocational degree program or to a 2- to 4-year degree program or certificate program. 375 qualifying nonbeneficiary students were reported to the OCHE in FY 2004. If the Board of Regents are fully appropriated a line item in the general appropriations act, the total cost would be \$1,134,000 of general fund per year. Governor Schweitzer's budget allowed for \$900,000 in biennial appropriation. The financial assistance to tribal colleges will be distributed on a prorated basis if the appropriation is less than the maximum amount per year. OCHE position: proponent
HB 435	Gary Branae	Signed by Governor	Establish Governor's Postsecondary Scholarship Program	The Governor's Postsecondary Scholarship Program awards a total of \$1.5 million in scholarships to Montana students during the next biennium. Approximately 1,000 scholarships will be awarded during the next biennium for both merit and need and for both 2-year and 4-year study.
HB 447	Dave Gallik	Signed by Governor	Increase state employee pay	State employee pay plan. The bill increases state employee pay by 3.5% or \$1,005, whichever is greater, in FY 2006, and by 4.0% or \$1,188 in FY 2007. 38% of the cost to the campuses and 43% of the overall cost to the MUS is funded in HB 13. OCHE position: proponent

HB 584	Christopher Harris	On Governor's desk (as of May 4)	Promote growth of film and other media in Montana	Will offer tax incentives for the motion picture and television industries for filming and developing print advertising in Montana. Purpose is to enhance Montana's economy by revitalizing and expanding the motion picture and television industries and related media in Montana and to promote the growth of small business. OCHE position: proponent.
HB 747	Robyn Driscoll	Signed by Governor	Limit liability for student construction projects	Except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct, school districts or public post-secondary institutions would not be liable for civil damages resulting from a construction project constructed as part of a public education program so long as prior disclosure of student construction is made. OCHE position: proponent
SB 171	Steven Gallus	Signed by Governor	Authority to hire coaches for longer duration	Authorizes Presidents of the units of the Montana University System to offer multiyear contracts to athletic coaches, subject to the supervision of the Regents. OCHE position: monitoring
SB 432	John Brueggeman	Signed by Governor	Revise family ed. savings program	Enabling legislation for Family Education Savings Plan to meet current SEC requirements.
SB 445	Dan McGee	Signed by Governor	Authorize tuition waiver for qualified national guard members	Authorizes the Board of Regents to waive tuition for up to 5,000 credits each academic year for qualified members of the Montana National Guard. The sponsor believes the Department of Military Affairs will work with the Board of Regents to establish criteria for the waivers to support the recruitment and retention needs of the Montana National Guard. Lost revenues to MUS would be approximately \$600,000 for the biennium. OCHE position: opponent unless appropriation is made to cover cost to MUS of waivers

Dead Bills

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HB 148	Carol Lambert	dead	Increasing funding for PERS	Ensures the PERS is funded in an actuarially sound manner, changes benefits for newly hired members, and changes employer contribution rates. Cost to MUS about \$200,000 per year of next biennium. Very likely to be revisited in December Special Session.
HB 151	Kathleen Galvin-Halcro	dead	Waive some university tuition for K-12 teachers' continuing ed.	Allows the Board of Regents to waive some tuition for full-time Montana teachers who have been teaching 10 years or less after being certified, to apply toward continuing education necessary for certification renewal.
HB 181	John Musgrove	dead	Increasing funding and adjusting benefits in TRS & ORP	Ensures the TRS is funded in an actuarially sound manner, changes benefits for newly hired members, and changes employer contribution rates. Cost to MUS about \$600,000 per year of next biennium. Very likely to be revisited in December Special Session.
HB 369	Dave Gallik	dead	Fund cost of taking college admission examination	Pays for students to take a national, curriculum-based college entrance exam during their junior year of high school. It is not mandatory that students take the exam.
HB 521	Kevin T Furey	dead	Establish bid preference for food produced in Montana	Establishes a state contract preference for food produced in Montana. State agencies should, whenever possible, use food produced in Montana in food service programs.
SB 72	Jeff Mangan	dead	Continuation of health insurance as a retirement incentive	State employees eligible for retirement between July 1, 2005, and October 1, 2005, may remain on the employer's group health insurance plan for a time period equal to 1 year for every 5 full years of the employee's service, not to exceed 4 years of employer contributions or terminating when the employee becomes eligible for Medicare.
SB 219	John Brueggeman	dead	Income tax credit for certain student loans	Income tax credits would be offered to taxpayers with student loan debt who attain an associate, baccalaureate, master's, or law degree from a Montana institution of higher education.
SB 273	Corey Stapleton	dead	Establish MSU-Billings school of rural medicine	Would establish a school of rural medicine on the campus of MSU-Billings, create an advisory planning council, administratively attached to the OCHE

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BIENNIAL COMPARISON 2005 VS. 2007

PROGRAM	2005 BIENNIUM		2007 BIENNIUM		BIENNIAL DIFFERENCE	
	FY04 ADJ BASE	FY05 ADJ APPROP	FY06 LEG. BUDGET	FY07 LEG. BUDGET	\$\$	%
GENERAL FUND						
Educational Units						
University Units and COTs	105,818,858	101,088,234	108,182,792	107,613,691	8,889,391	4.3%
--2-yr education-High Demand Programs			-	-	-	
--Academic Programs-COTs/2-yr programs OTO			700,000	700,000	1,400,000	
--Replace/Upgrade Equipment 2-yr programs OTO			1,260,678	1,800,000	3,060,678	
--Distance Education OTO			300,000	-	300,000	
Family Practice Residency	319,366	319,366	319,366	319,366	-	0.0%
Dental Hygiene Program	235,000	235,000	235,000	235,000	-	0.0%
MUS Marketing Initiative	43,983	31,017	43,983	43,983	12,966	17.3%
Yellow Bay	-	-	100,000	100,000	200,000	#DIV/0!
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	106,417,207	101,673,617	111,141,819	110,812,040	13,863,035	6.7%
Research/Public Service Agencies						
AES	10,079,958	10,451,174	10,511,165	10,521,121	501,154	2.4%
ES	4,481,715	4,573,827	4,908,206	4,996,951	849,615	9.4%
FSTS	511,535	518,233	582,015	580,010	132,257	12.8%
Bureau	1,581,899	1,601,231	1,693,291	1,692,258	202,419	6.4%
Forestry	925,838	936,454	971,324	968,731	77,763	4.2%
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	17,580,945	18,080,919	18,666,001	18,759,071	1,763,208	4.9%
OCHE Programs						
Administration	1,630,922	1,798,243	1,553,899	1,532,621	(342,645)	-10.0%
Student Assistance	8,451,220	8,971,961	8,838,988	9,068,220	484,027	2.8%
--Need-Based Aid for students in 2-yr programs			500,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	
--Additional Student Aid-MT Higher Education Grants OTO			470,000	-	470,000	
--Best and Brightest-Academic Achievement Grants			-	-	-	
Talent Search	81,595	85,923	99,761	100,531	32,774	19.6%
Workforce Development	90,094	88,478	90,414	93,108	4,950	2.8%
Board of Regents	34,485	51,889	44,485	44,485	2,596	3.0%
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	10,288,316	10,996,494	11,597,547	11,838,965	2,151,702	10.1%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	134,286,468	130,751,030	141,405,367	141,410,076	17,777,945	6.7%
OTHER FUNDS						
State Special Revenue						
Administration (Family Ed Savings)	-	-	25,000	25,000	50,000	
American Indian/Minority Achievement (Conference Fees)	-	-	25,000	25,000	50,000	
Ed Units (Six-Mill Levy)	12,235,000	12,362,999	13,373,391	13,648,111	2,423,503	9.9%
Ed Units (Motorcycle Safety-MSU-N)	200,000	200,000	220,000	220,000	40,000	10.0%
Bureau (Groundwater)	666,000	666,000	730,697	735,038	133,735	10.0%
TOTAL STATE SPECIAL REVENUE	13,101,000	13,228,999	14,374,088	14,653,149	2,697,238	10.2%
Federal Special Revenue						
Student Assistance	188,986	188,985	225,773	225,773	73,575	19.5%
Title II-Improv Teacher Quality	295,129	320,937	362,946	362,946	109,826	17.8%
Talent Search	1,442,380	3,511,652	3,105,037	3,105,024	1,256,029	25.4%
Workforce Development	6,054,963	7,576,626	6,159,801	6,034,801	(1,436,987)	-10.5%
--Perkins Incentive Grant			112,500	112,500	225,000	
GSL	25,038,628	42,570,097	34,758,999	37,003,555	4,153,829	6.1%
TOTAL FEDERAL SPECIAL REVENUE	33,020,086	54,168,297	44,725,056	46,844,599	4,381,272	5.0%
TOTAL FUNDS HB2 APPROPRIATION	180,407,554	198,148,326	200,504,511	202,907,824	24,856,455	6.6%

Community Colleges	6,292,234	6,359,773	7,276,419	7,638,524	2,262,936	17.9%
1. Program Development OTO			900,000	-	900,000	
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	6,292,234	6,359,773	8,176,419	7,638,524	3,162,936	25.0%

Tribal College Assistance	-	96,500	400,000	-	303,500	314.5%
--Special Non-Beneficiary Student Assistance OTO			500,000	-	500,000	
--Enhancing Tribal College Programs OTO			1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	-	96,500	1,900,000	1,000,000	2,803,500	2905.2%

TOTAL FUNDS-HB2-HIGHER EDUCATION **186,699,788** **204,604,599** **210,580,930** **211,546,348** **30,822,891** **7.9%**