

Amendments to House Bill No. 2
Committee Study Bill Copy

Requested by Representative Llew Jones

For the House Appropriations Committee

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Following: line 18

Insert: "e. Precision Agriculture (RST)"

Insert: "300,000 300,000" [General Fund FY24 FY25]

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Explanation - This amendment increases transfers to the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES) and the MSU Extension in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education by \$300,000 each fiscal year. This amendment would fund salaries and associated benefits for two new tenure-track faculty positions and operational costs to continue a precision agriculture program. MAES would utilize \$200,000 per year toward precision agriculture research and the MSU Extension would utilize \$100,000 per year to build and maintain a precision agriculture outreach program.