

Highlights of Legislative Branch Budget for the 2013 Biennium

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House Bill No. 2, Legislative Branch Budget as approved by LC, LFC, LAC:

- \$28,595,287 included new proposals for \$240,000 retro-commissioning HVAC in Capitol Building and lighting in lower level and \$79,722 to bring interstate dues to 80%
- 5% Reduction Plan was submitted to Legislature and applied by the Joint Subcommittee on General Government: - (\$1,302,468)
- A reduction related to anticipated savings in workers' compensation costs from HB 334 was applied by the Senate - (\$17,717)
- Final biennial appropriations: \$27,275,102

House Bill No. 5: Legislative Council authorized presenting a proposal to the appropriations subcommittees of \$5.975 million for the purpose of software development, consolidation, and replacement of legacy systems which are responsible for production of the Montana Code Annotated, bills, amendments, journals of the House and Senate, and legislative minutes. The Joint Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning adopted the proposal and it was passed through the Legislature. Governor Schweitzer line-item vetoed that section of the bill.

House Bill No. 602: This bill directed an interim study of exempt water wells by the Water Policy Interim Committee which was appropriated \$15,000 for the purposes of completing the study.

House Bill No. 642: This bill created a select committee on efficiency in government. The Legislative Services Division was appropriated \$100,000 from the general fund to support the activities of the select committee. The appropriation will fund approximately 8 meetings for the 12 member committee, operational costs, and \$30,000 to contract for expert analysis. The committee may choose to meet more often and contract for less analysis.