

5% Base Budget Reduction Form

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AGENCY CODE & NAME: 6602 DLI

		Minimum Requirement	
		General Fund	State Special Revenue Fund
TARGETED REDUCTION TO EQUAL 5% OF CURRENT BASE BUDGET		\$ 122,218	\$ 1,556,978
		General Fund Annual Savings	State Special Revenue Annual Savings
Priority	SERVICE(S) TO BE ELIMINATED OR REDUCED		
1	WSD- Workforce Services HELP Link Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ 16,221
2	CSD- Administrative Hearings- Employment Standards Division Cases (Boards)		\$ 3,652
3	WSD- Job Growth Incentive Tax Credit Program	\$ 8,643	\$ -
4	CSD- Administrative Hearings-Human Rights Cases	\$ 16,238	\$ -
5	WCC- Workers' Compensation Court - Court Reporter - .50 FTE	\$ -	\$ 35,408
6	UID- Help Act, Fraud Services		\$ 16,010
7	ESD- Sunset Boards	\$ -	\$ 1,485,687
8	OCS- Americorps Federal Match	\$ 8,057	\$ -
9	ESD- Human Rights Investigator	\$ 89,280	\$ -
10			\$ -
11	TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 122,218	\$ 1,556,978
	DIFFERENCE	0	0

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

The Workforce Services Division administers the HELP Link program and contracts with non-profits and other non-state providers to provide workforce services to Medicaid eligible individuals. A 5% reduction would be met by reducing contracted amounts to these providers.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$16,221

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

There would be less money available to provide training and support services to enrolled individuals.

#4

HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:

N/A

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes - MCA 39-12

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

The Office of Administrative Hearings proposed to absorb a 5% reduction to their base budget by limiting staff time spent on hearings for the Employment Standards Division - Board Management Bureau.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$3,652

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

Citizens bringing a Board Management case for hearing may face delays.

#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:

N/A

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

No - MCA 37

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

The Workforce Services Division helps administer the Job Growth Incentive Tax Credit program. A 5% reduction would be met by reducing resources and services for the program.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$8,643

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

There would be less money available for resources for the program

#4

HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:

N/A

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes 39-11-404 & 15-30-2361

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

The Office of Administrative Hearings proposes to absorb a 5% reduction to their base budget by limiting staff time spent on Human Rights hearings.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$16,238

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

Employers or employees contesting the outcome of a Human Rights decision may face delays if staff are not available to hear their cases.

#4

HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:

N/A

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

No - MCA 37-1-310

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

The Workers' Compensation Court would meet a 5% budget reduction by eliminating 0.5 FTE Court Reporter position.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$35,408

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

Workers' Compensation Court cases may be delayed due to reduction/lack of staff.

#4

HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:

N/A

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes - MCA 37-29

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

As part of the HELP Act, the Unemployment Insurance Division is required to reduce fraud, waste and abuse in determining and reviewing unemployment benefits. A 5% reduction in this funding would reduce the available resources to identify and stop fraudulent activity in the UI System.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$16,010

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

There is a potential of increased fraudulent activity in the UI System by reducing these services.

#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:

N/A

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes MCA 39-12-103

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

The Employment Standards Division proposes to absorb a 5% reduction to their base budget by working with the Legislature to identify boards for sunseting in a number and manner appropriate to achieve the desired 5% reduction. Previous reductions have resulted in a reduced level of service that has impacted the Division's ability to adequately respond to matters of public safety, consumer protection, and licensee/stakeholder services.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$1,485,687

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

Identified boards would be sunset with appropriate legislation during the 2025 session. Appropriations would be reduced in accordance with anticipated board expenditures during the 2027 biennium.

#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

N/A

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes - MCA 37

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

The Governor's Office of Community Service is tasked with leading national service and community volunteerism statewide. A 5% reduction would be met by reducing travel amounts to training and outreach. It is important to note that these funds also serve as matching funds for AmeriCorps funding. Thus, a reduction to general fund would also reduce the amount of AmeriCorps funding that could be spent by the program.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$8,057

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

The reduction will impact the capacity of GOCS to meet the mission and engage more Montanans and Americans into AmeriCorps service to our great state.

#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

N/A

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

No - Federal AmeriCorps Program

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

The Human Rights Bureau enforces Montana's Constitutionally protected right to be free from discrimination. The position for elimination is a Human Rights Investigator (Investigator) position. An investigator informally investigates complaints of discrimination brought under state and certain federal laws. The Bureau has a statutory obligation to complete case investigations within 120 days for housing charges and 180 days for all other charges.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

Elimination 1 of Human Rights Investigator position - \$89,280

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

Eliminating a Human Rights Investigator position would impact the Bureau's ability to credibly enforce Montanan's right to be free from discrimination.

#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

Citizens could address Human Rights complaints through the Court system, which would be cost-prohibitive for many people.

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes - MCA 49-2-501

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