

# GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

## Section A

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### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE OF HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEES

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**Agency Base Budget Comparison**

The following table compares the base budget with the requested expenditures for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Agency Base Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Base Budget	Requested Budget		Biennium Change from Base	
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent
PB	60.57	60.57	60.57	0.00	0.0%
General Fund	7,973,728	20,213,420	20,047,074	24,313,038	152.5%
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	50,000	7,101,760	7,050,000	14,051,760	14,051.8%
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds		3,579,332	3,500,000	7,079,332	0.0%
Proprietary Funds		552,843	500,000	1,052,843	0.0%
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>8,023,728</b>	<b>31,447,355</b>	<b>31,097,074</b>	<b>46,496,973</b>	<b>289.7%</b>
Personal Services	6,441,766	29,601,104	29,613,292	46,330,864	359.6%
Operating Expenses	1,581,962	1,846,251	1,483,782	166,109	5.3%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>8,023,728</b>	<b>31,447,355</b>	<b>31,097,074</b>	<b>46,496,973</b>	<b>289.7%</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>8,023,728</b>	<b>31,447,355</b>	<b>31,097,074</b>	<b>46,496,973</b>	<b>289.7%</b>
<b>Total One-Time-Only</b>					<b>0.0%</b>

**Agency Highlights**

<p><b>Governor's Office Major Budget Highlights</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Governor's Office 2027 biennium budget request is approximately \$46.5 million or 289.7% higher than the FY 2025 base budget. The majority of the requested change is due to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ An increase in general fund of \$24.0 million, state special revenue of \$14.0 million, federal special revenue of \$7.0 million, and proprietary funds of \$1.0 million. This funding is proposed to be biennial and restricted to address personnel recruitment and retention issues within Executive Branch agencies</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If the requested appropriations for the recruitment and contingency funding are removed, the Governor's Office budget request for ordinary operations is a biennial increase of \$497,000 or 3.1%</li> </ul>

**Executive Request**

The following table shows the total executive request with the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals by source of funding.

Governor's Office 2027 Biennium Base Budget and Requested Adjustments										
	FY 2026					FY 2027				
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget Request	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget Request
<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>7,973,728</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,023,728</b>	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>7,973,728</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,023,728</b>	<b>25.8%</b>
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	159,338	0	0	159,338	0.5%	171,526	0	0	171,526	0.6%
Fixed Costs	71,362	51,760	79,332	255,297	0.8%	(108,120)	0	0	(108,120)	(0.3%)
Inflation Deflation	(2,048)	0	0	(2,048)	(0.0%)	(1,383)	0	0	(1,383)	(0.0%)
<b>Total Statewide PL</b>	<b>228,652</b>	<b>51,760</b>	<b>79,332</b>	<b>412,587</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>62,023</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62,023</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
Present Law (PL)	8,540	0	0	8,540	0.0%	8,823	0	0	8,823	0.0%
New Proposals	12,002,500	7,000,000	3,500,000	23,002,500	73.1%	12,002,500	7,000,000	3,500,000	23,002,500	74.0%
<b>Total HB 2 Adjustments</b>	<b>12,239,692</b>	<b>7,051,760</b>	<b>3,579,332</b>	<b>23,423,627</b>	<b>74.5%</b>	<b>12,073,346</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>	<b>3,500,000</b>	<b>23,073,346</b>	<b>74.2%</b>
<b>Total Requested Budget</b>	<b>20,213,420</b>	<b>7,101,760</b>	<b>3,579,332</b>	<b>31,447,355</b>		<b>20,047,074</b>	<b>7,050,000</b>	<b>3,500,000</b>	<b>31,097,074</b>	

*Statewide Present Law Adjustment for Personal Services*

In order to explain the factors influencing personal services changes, the proposed statewide personal services present law adjustment (DP1) has been broken down into three categories, as follows:

- Legislative changes - This category includes adjustments explicitly approved by the legislature, such as, changes to benefit rates, longevity adjustments required by statute, and changes in rates for workers' compensation and unemployment insurance
- Management changes - This category includes agency management decisions that adjust personal services related to changes in pay. This includes changes such as hiring positions budgeted (PB) at a lower rate to replace senior staff and broadband pay adjustments for recruitment and retention
- Budget modifications - This category includes other modifications to the FY 2025 personal services base budget such as management decisions to transfer personal services funding between programs within an agency or movement of personal services funding to or from another expenditure category (e.g. moving funding from operating expenses to personal services)

The figure below shows the analysis of the executive budget for personal services for each program.

Statewide Present Law Adjustment for Personal Services FY 2026 Decision Package 1				
Program	Legislative Changes	Management Decisions	Budget Modifications	Decision Package 1
Executive Office	\$ 37,961	\$ 42,613	\$ -	\$ 80,574
Executive Residence Operations	500	(8,196)	-	(7,696)
Office of Budget and Program Planning	43,244	43,144	-	86,388
Office of Indian Affairs	1,681	9,128	-	10,809
Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors	\$ (6,095)	(4,642)	-	(10,737)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 83,386</b>	<b>\$ 86,689</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 159,338</b>

Additional analysis on the statewide present law adjustment for personal services will be provided at the program level.

**Funding**

The following table shows proposed agency funding for all sources of authority.

Total Governor's Office Funding by Source of Authority 2027 Biennium Budget Request						
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
<b>01100 General Fund</b>	<b>40,260,494</b>			<b>16,500,000</b>	<b>56,760,494</b>	<b>71.8%</b>
02038 Governor's Office SSR	14,151,760				14,151,760	17.9%
<b>State Special Revenue Total</b>	<b>14,151,760</b>	-	-	-	<b>14,151,760</b>	<b>17.9%</b>
03001 Governor's Office FSR	7,079,332				7,079,332	9.0%
<b>Federal Special Revenue Total</b>	<b>7,079,332</b>	-	-	-	<b>7,079,332</b>	<b>9.0%</b>
06510 Governor's Office Proprietary Fund	1,052,843				1,052,843	1.3%
<b>Proprietary Fund Total</b>	<b>1,052,843</b>	-	-	-	<b>1,052,843</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Total of All Funds</b>	<b>62,544,429</b>	-	-	<b>16,500,000</b>	<b>79,044,429</b>	
<b>Percent of All Sources of Authority</b>	<b>79.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>20.9%</b>		

*HB 2 Appropriations*

The Governor's Office has historically been primarily funded with general fund. The Office of Indian Affairs has also received state special revenue funding for tribal relations training provided by the office.

For the 2027 biennium, the executive is proposing additional general fund, state special revenue, federal special revenue, and proprietary fund appropriations in HB 2. These proposed appropriations are mainly to address personnel recruitment and retention issues as they arise in the Executive Branch and a smaller proportion for legislative audit costs related to the federal single audit.

**Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison**

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Request Fiscal 2026	Request Fiscal 2027
PB	0.00	60.57	60.57	60.57	60.57
Personal Services	5,827,545	6,090,678	6,441,766	29,601,104	29,613,292
Operating Expenses	1,277,481	1,645,308	1,581,962	1,846,251	1,483,782
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,105,026</b>	<b>\$7,735,986</b>	<b>\$8,023,728</b>	<b>\$31,447,355</b>	<b>\$31,097,074</b>
General Fund	7,082,813	7,685,986	7,973,728	20,213,420	20,047,074
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	22,213	50,000	50,000	7,101,760	7,050,000
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	0	0	0	3,579,332	3,500,000
Proprietary Funds	0	0	0	552,843	500,000
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$7,105,026</b>	<b>\$7,735,986</b>	<b>\$8,023,728</b>	<b>\$31,447,355</b>	<b>\$31,097,074</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$7,105,026</b>	<b>\$7,735,986</b>	<b>\$8,023,728</b>	<b>\$31,447,355</b>	<b>\$31,097,074</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

*Agency Description*

The Governor’s Office oversees the activities of the Executive Branch of Montana state government, consistent with statutory and constitutional mandates.

The Office of the Governor exists under authority granted in Article VI of the Montana Constitution. The Governor has constitutional and statutory authority to administer the affairs of the State of Montana. The Governor appoints all military and civil officers of the state whose appointments are provided for by statute or the constitution, grants reprieves and pardons, and serves on various boards and commissions. The Governor approves or vetoes legislation, reports to the legislature on the condition of the state and submits a biennial executive budget. The Governor also represents the state in relations with other governments and the public.

The Governor’s office is comprised of the following programs:

- The Executive Office
- The Executive Residence Operations
- The Office of Budget and Program Planning
- The Office of Indian Affairs
- The Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors

The Mental Health Ombudsman is housed within the Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors program.

Please refer to the agency profile at <https://www.legmt.gov/lfd/committees/section-a/agency-profile-governors-office/> for additional information about the agency’s organization structure, historical expenditures, goals and objectives, and recent studies and audits.

*FY 2024 Appropriation Compared to FY 2024 Actual Expenditures*

The Governor’s Office expended 91.8% of its \$7.7 million HB 2 modified budget through the end of FY 2024. The lower expenditures are primarily due to the Executive Office Program, Executive Residence Operations Program, and Office of Indian Affairs. Additional details will be included at the program level.

*FY 2024 Appropriations Compared to FY 2025 Appropriations*

Overall, the FY 2025 appropriation is approximately \$288,000 or 3.7% higher than the FY 2024 appropriation. This is primarily because the legislature approved HB 13 which included adjustments for the pay plan that were approximately \$247,000 greater in FY 2025.

Comparison of FY 2025 Legislative Budget to FY 2025 Base

The figure below illustrates the beginning FY 2025 budget as adopted by the 2023 Legislature compared to the FY 2025 base budget, which includes modifications as approved by the approving authority (as authorized in statute) during the interim. The FY 2025 base budget was agreed upon by the Office of Budget and Program Planning and the Fiscal Division to be the point from which any changes would be recorded for the 2027 biennium budgeting process.

Governor's Office					
Comparison of the FY 2025 Legislative Budget to the FY 2025 Base Budget					
	Legislative Budget	Executive Modifications	Base Budget	% Change	
<b>Executive Office Program</b>					
61000 Personal Services	\$ 3,059,362	\$ -	\$ 3,059,362	0.0%	
62000 Operating Expenses	596,516	-	596,516	0.0%	
Total	3,655,878	-	3,655,878	0.0%	
<b>Executive Residence Operations</b>					
61000 Personal Services	92,108	-	92,108	0.0%	
62000 Operating Expenses	49,941	-	49,941	0.0%	
Total	142,049	-	142,049	0.0%	
<b>Office of Budget and Program Planning</b>					
61000 Personal Services	2,639,970	-	2,639,970	0.0%	
62000 Operating Expenses	794,913	-	794,913	0.0%	
Total	3,434,883	-	3,434,883	0.0%	
<b>Office of Indian Affairs</b>					
61000 Personal Services	181,418	-	181,418	0.0%	
62000 Operating Expenses	93,189	-	93,189	0.0%	
Total	274,607	-	274,607	0.0%	
<b>Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors</b>					
61000 Personal Services	468,908	-	468,908	0.0%	
62000 Operating Expenses	47,403	-	47,403	0.0%	
Total	516,311	-	516,311	0.0%	
<b>Governor's Office Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,023,728</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 8,023,728</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	

The FY 2025, budget as adopted by the 2023 Legislature, has remained unchanged.

**Program Base Budget Comparison**

The following table compares the base budget with the requested expenditures for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Base Budget Comparison						
Budget Item	Base Budget	Requested Budget		Biennium Change from Base		
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
PB	29.00	29.00	29.00	0.00	0.0%	
General Fund	3,655,878	3,730,491	3,733,330	152,065	2.1%	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>3,655,878</b>	<b>3,730,491</b>	<b>3,733,330</b>	<b>152,065</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	
Personal Services	3,059,362	3,139,936	3,140,654	161,866	2.6%	
Operating Expenses	596,516	590,555	592,676	(9,801)	(0.8%)	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,655,878</b>	<b>3,730,491</b>	<b>3,733,330</b>	<b>152,065</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>3,655,878</b>	<b>3,730,491</b>	<b>3,733,330</b>	<b>152,065</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	
<b>Total One-Time-Only</b>					<b>0.0%</b>	

**Program Highlights**

<b>Executive Office Program Major Budget Highlights</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Office Program’s 2027 biennium requested appropriations are approximately \$152,000 or 2.1% higher than the FY 2025 base budget. Significant proposed biennial changes in general fund include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ An increase of approximately \$162,000 for personal services because of benefits, longevity, and pay rate changes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Executive Request**

The following table shows the total executive request with the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals by source of funding.

Executive Office Program 2027 Biennium HB 2 Base Budget and Requested Adjustments										
	FY 2026					FY 2027				
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget Request	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget Request
<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>3,655,878</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,655,878</b>	<b>98.0%</b>	<b>3,655,878</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,655,878</b>	<b>97.9%</b>
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	80,574	0	0	80,574	2.2%	81,292	0	0	81,292	2.2%
Fixed Costs	(5,102)	0	0	(5,102)	(0.1%)	(3,260)	0	0	(3,260)	(0.1%)
Inflation Deflation	(859)	0	0	(859)	(0.0%)	(580)	0	0	(580)	(0.0%)
<b>Total Statewide PL</b>	<b>74,613</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74,613</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>77,452</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77,452</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total HB 2 Adjustments</b>	<b>74,613</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74,613</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>77,452</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77,452</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>Total Requested Budget</b>	<b>3,730,491</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,730,491</b>		<b>3,733,330</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,733,330</b>	

**Funding**

The following table shows proposed program funding for all sources of authority.

Governor's Office, 01-Executive Office Program Funding by Source of Authority							
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
01100 General Fund	7,463,821	0	0	0	7,463,821	100.0%	
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$7,463,821</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,463,821</b>		

*HB 2 Appropriations*

The Executive Office is entirely funded with general fund.



**Program Actuals and Budget Comparison**

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Request Fiscal 2026	Request Fiscal 2027
PB	0.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00
Personal Services	2,682,951	2,934,415	3,059,362	3,139,936	3,140,654
Operating Expenses	470,530	575,484	596,516	590,555	592,676
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,153,481</b>	<b>\$3,509,899</b>	<b>\$3,655,878</b>	<b>\$3,730,491</b>	<b>\$3,733,330</b>
General Fund	3,153,481	3,509,899	3,655,878	3,730,491	3,733,330
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$3,153,481</b>	<b>\$3,509,899</b>	<b>\$3,655,878</b>	<b>\$3,730,491</b>	<b>\$3,733,330</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$3,153,481</b>	<b>\$3,509,899</b>	<b>\$3,655,878</b>	<b>\$3,730,491</b>	<b>\$3,733,330</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

*Program Description*

The Executive Office Program aids the Governor in overseeing and coordinating the activities of the Executive Branch of Montana state government. The program includes the Office of the Lieutenant Governor which is responsible for carrying out duties prescribed by statute established by Article VI, Section 4 of the Montana Constitution, as well as those delegated by the Governor.

Statutory authority is Title 2, Chapter 15, part 3, MCA. The program provides administrative, legal, and press support for the Office of the Governor. The Executive Office Program also administers programs with special impact on the citizens and governmental concerns of Montana. Special programs include the Office of Economic Development, which was created to strengthen the foundations of the state's business environment and diversify and expand existing economic endeavors to achieve long-term economic stability, and the Office of the Citizens' Advocate.

*FY 2024 Appropriation Compared to FY 2024 Actual Expenditures*

The Executive Office Program's HB 2 budget of \$3.5 million was 89.8% expended as of the end of the fiscal year.

The Office of Economic Development, within the Executive Office Program, had HB 2 appropriations of approximately \$593,000, which were 75.1% expended. Personal services appropriations totaled \$453,000 and were 88.5% expended. Slightly lower personal services expenditures in this office were due to 2.00 PB that were vacant in FY 2024. Appropriations for operating expenses totaled \$140,000 and were 31.6% expended. Lower operating expenses were due to the office not hosting events in FY 2024 and no longer maintaining the site selector or business checklist online applications.

*FY 2024 Appropriations Compared to FY 2025 Appropriations*

Overall, the FY 2025 appropriation is approximately \$146,000 or 4.2% greater than the FY 2024 appropriation. This is primarily because the legislature approved HB 13 which included adjustments for the pay plan that were approximately \$117,000 greater in FY 2025.

**Present Law Adjustments**

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the proposed budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

Present Law Adjustments	-----Fiscal 2026-----					-----Fiscal 2027-----				
	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	80,574	0	0	80,574	0.00	81,292	0	0	81,292
DP 2 - Fixed Costs	0.00	(5,102)	0	0	(5,102)	0.00	(3,260)	0	0	(3,260)
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation	0.00	(859)	0	0	(859)	0.00	(580)	0	0	(580)
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$74,613</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$74,613</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$77,452</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$77,452</b>

\*"Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The executive requests adjustments to the present law personal services budget. This request has been broken into the following categories, and further detail is shown in the agency summary:

- Legislatively approved changes
- Management decisions
- Budget modifications made to the personal services budget in the 2025 biennium

Governor's Office Executive Office FY 2026 Statewide Present Law Adjustment for Personal Services	
Legislative Changes	\$ 37,961
Management Changes	42,613
Total Budget Modifications	-
Total	\$ 80,574

The Executive Office's statewide present law adjustment for personal services was impacted by legislative changes and management changes. The increase in legislative changes is due to changes in benefits and longevity. The increase in management changes is mainly due to pay rate increases for exempt positions, different pay rates for vacant positions, and increases in pay related to new hires.

DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The executive requests adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget to pay increases in fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples include: audit fees, Capitol complex rent, information technology services, etc. The rates charged for these services are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The executive requests adjustments to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation and deflation factors to specific expenditure accounts. Affected accounts include in-state state motor pool and motor pool leased vehicles.

**Program Base Budget Comparison**

The following table compares the base budget with the requested expenditures for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Base Budget Comparison						
Budget Item	Base Budget	Requested Budget		Biennium Change from Base		
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
PB	1.57	1.57	1.57	0.00	0.0%	
General Fund	142,049	132,279	132,266	(19,553)	(6.9%)	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>142,049</b>	<b>132,279</b>	<b>132,266</b>	<b>(19,553)</b>	<b>(6.9%)</b>	
Personal Services	92,108	84,412	84,410	(15,394)	(8.4%)	
Operating Expenses	49,941	47,867	47,856	(4,159)	(4.2%)	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>142,049</b>	<b>132,279</b>	<b>132,266</b>	<b>(19,553)</b>	<b>(6.9%)</b>	
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>142,049</b>	<b>132,279</b>	<b>132,266</b>	<b>(19,553)</b>	<b>(6.9%)</b>	
<b>Total One-Time-Only</b>					<b>0.0%</b>	

**Program Highlights**

<b>Executive Residence Operations Major Budget Highlights</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Residence Operations Program's 2027 biennium requested appropriations are approximately \$20,000 or 6.9% lower than the FY 2025 base budget. Proposed biennial general fund changes include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ A decrease of \$15,000 primarily due to the pay plan in HB 13 not being used because the 1.57 PB were vacant during the 2025 biennium</li> <li>◦ A decrease of \$4,000 mainly due to a reduction in the fixed costs for messenger services and insurance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Executive Request**

The following table shows the total executive request with the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals by source of funding.

Executive Residence Operations 2027 Biennium HB 2 Base Budget and Requested Adjustments										
	FY 2026					FY 2027				
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget Request	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget Request
<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>142,049</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142,049</b>	<b>107.4%</b>	<b>142,049</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142,049</b>	<b>107.4%</b>
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	(7,696)	0	0	(7,696)	(5.8%)	(7,698)	0	0	(7,698)	(5.8%)
Fixed Costs	(2,074)	0	0	(2,074)	(1.6%)	(2,085)	0	0	(2,085)	(1.6%)
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Statewide PL	(9,770)	0	0	(9,770)	(7.4%)	(9,783)	0	0	(9,783)	(7.4%)
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total HB 2 Adjustments</b>	<b>(9,770)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(9,770)</b>	<b>(7.4%)</b>	<b>(9,783)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(9,783)</b>	<b>(7.4%)</b>
<b>Total Requested Budget</b>	<b>132,279</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>132,279</b>		<b>132,266</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>132,266</b>	

**Funding**

The following table shows proposed program funding for all sources of authority.

Governor's Office, 02-Executive Residence Operations Funding by Source of Authority							
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
01100 General Fund	264,545	0	0	0	264,545	100.0%	
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$264,545</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$264,545</b>		

*HB 2 Appropriations*

The Executive Residence Operations Program is entirely funded with general fund.

**Program Actuals and Budget Comparison**

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Request Fiscal 2026	Request Fiscal 2027
PB	0.00	1.57	1.57	1.57	1.57
Personal Services	0	5,521	92,108	84,412	84,410
Operating Expenses	29,522	49,093	49,941	47,867	47,856
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$29,522</b>	<b>\$54,614</b>	<b>\$142,049</b>	<b>\$132,279</b>	<b>\$132,266</b>
General Fund	29,522	54,614	142,049	132,279	132,266
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$29,522</b>	<b>\$54,614</b>	<b>\$142,049</b>	<b>\$132,279</b>	<b>\$132,266</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$29,522</b>	<b>\$54,614</b>	<b>\$142,049</b>	<b>\$132,279</b>	<b>\$132,266</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

*Program Description*

The Executive Residence Operations Program provides for the day-to-day operations of the official state Executive Residence.

*FY 2024 Appropriation Compared to FY 2024 Actual Expenditures*

The HB 2 budget of approximately \$54,000 was 54.1% expended as of the end of FY 2024.

Personal services appropriations of \$5,500 were 0.0% expended at the end of the fiscal year. The program includes 1.57 PB, which are unfilled. The legislature did not fund these positions in FY 2024 because the executive residence is not currently being used. The funding in personal services is from the pay plan in HB 13, which was not used because the positions were vacant.

Appropriations for operating expenses totaled \$49,000 in FY 2024 and were 60.1% expended at the end of the fiscal year. The executive residence is not currently in use, so operating expenses were lower in FY 2024. The Governor's personal residence has been used for business events. Caterers and contracted staff have been used, as needed, for these events.

*FY 2024 Appropriations Compared to FY 2025 Appropriations*

Overall, the FY 2025 appropriation is approximately \$87,000 or 160.1% higher than the FY 2024 appropriation. This is primarily because the legislature approved a reduction to FY 2024 personal services funding for 1.57 PB of approximately \$81,000. The executive residence was not anticipated to be in use in FY 2024, so the associated staff were not needed.

**Present Law Adjustments**

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the proposed budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

	-----Fiscal 2026-----					-----Fiscal 2027-----				
	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	(7,696)	0	0	(7,696)	0.00	(7,698)	0	0	(7,698)
DP 2 - Fixed Costs	0.00	(2,074)	0	0	(2,074)	0.00	(2,085)	0	0	(2,085)
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(\$9,770)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$9,770)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(\$9,783)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$9,783)</b>

\*\*Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The executive requests adjustments to the present law personal services budget. This request has been broken into the following categories, and further detail is shown in the agency summary:

- Legislatively approved changes
- Management decisions
- Budget modifications made to the personal services budget in the 2025 biennium

Governor's Office	
Executive Residence Operations Program	
FY 2026 Statewide Present Law Adjustment for Personal Services	
Legislative Changes	\$ 500
Management Changes	(8,196)
Total Budget Modifications	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ (7,696)</u>

The Executive Residence Operations Program’s statewide present law adjustment for personal services was primarily impacted by management changes. The reason for the decrease is primarily because 1.57 PB are vacant. These positions received a pay plan adjustment in HB 13; however, because they were not filled, no pay plan adjustment was applied to these positions. This reduction is partially offset because the rates for the vacant PB are slightly greater than the rates in the previous biennium.

DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The executive requests adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget to pay increases in fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples include: audit fees, Capitol complex rent, information technology services, etc. The rates charged for these services are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

**Program Base Budget Comparison**

The following table compares the base budget with the requested expenditures for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Base Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Base Budget	Requested Budget		Biennium Change from Base	
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent
PB	23.00	23.00	23.00	0.00	0.0%
General Fund	3,434,883	15,604,038	15,432,330	24,166,602	351.8%
State/Other Special Rev. Funds		7,051,760	7,000,000	14,051,760	0.0%
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds		3,579,332	3,500,000	7,079,332	0.0%
Proprietary Funds		552,843	500,000	1,052,843	0.0%
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>3,434,883</b>	<b>26,787,973</b>	<b>26,432,330</b>	<b>46,350,537</b>	<b>674.7%</b>
Personal Services	2,639,970	25,726,358	25,735,799	46,182,217	874.7%
Operating Expenses	794,913	1,061,615	696,531	168,320	10.6%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,434,883</b>	<b>26,787,973</b>	<b>26,432,330</b>	<b>46,350,537</b>	<b>674.7%</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>3,434,883</b>	<b>26,787,973</b>	<b>26,432,330</b>	<b>46,350,537</b>	<b>674.7%</b>
<b>Total One-Time-Only</b>					<b>0.0%</b>

**Program Highlights**

<p><b>Office of Budget and Program Planning Major Budget Highlights</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Office of Budget and Program Planning's 2027 biennium requested appropriations are approximately \$46.4 million or 674.7% higher than the FY 2025 base budget. The majority of the requested change is due to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ An increase in general fund of \$24.0 million, state special revenue of \$14.0 million, federal special revenue of \$7.0 million, and proprietary funds of \$1.0 million. This funding is proposed to be biennial and restricted to address personnel recruitment and retention issues within Executive Branch agencies</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If the requested appropriations for the recruitment and contingency funding are removed, the Office of Budget and Program Planning's budget request for ordinary operations is a biennial increase of \$351,000 or 5.1%</li> </ul>

**Executive Request**

The following table shows the total executive request with the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals by source of funding.

Office of Budget and Program Planning 2027 Biennium HB 2 Base Budget and Requested Adjustments										
	FY 2026					FY 2027				
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget Request	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget Request
<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>3,434,883</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,434,883</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>3,434,883</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,434,883</b>	<b>13.0%</b>
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	86,388	0	0	86,388	0.3%	95,829	0	0	95,829	0.4%
Fixed Costs	79,247	51,760	79,332	263,182	1.0%	(102,192)	0	0	(102,192)	(0.4%)
Inflation Deflation	(20)	0	0	(20)	(0.0%)	(13)	0	0	(13)	0.0%
<b>Total Statewide PL</b>	<b>165,615</b>	<b>51,760</b>	<b>79,332</b>	<b>349,550</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>(6,376)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(6,376)</b>	<b>(0.0%)</b>
Present Law (PL)	3,540	0	0	3,540	0.0%	3,823	0	0	3,823	0.0%
New Proposals	12,000,000	7,000,000	3,500,000	23,000,000	85.9%	12,000,000	7,000,000	3,500,000	23,000,000	87.0%
<b>Total HB 2 Adjustments</b>	<b>12,169,155</b>	<b>7,051,760</b>	<b>3,579,332</b>	<b>23,353,090</b>	<b>87.2%</b>	<b>11,997,447</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>	<b>3,500,000</b>	<b>22,997,447</b>	<b>87.0%</b>
<b>Total Requested Budget</b>	<b>15,604,038</b>	<b>7,051,760</b>	<b>3,579,332</b>	<b>26,787,973</b>		<b>15,432,330</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>	<b>3,500,000</b>	<b>26,432,330</b>	

**Funding**

The following table shows proposed program funding for all sources of authority.

Governor's Office, 04-Office of Budget and Program Planning Funding by Source of Authority							
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
01100 General Fund	31,036,368	0	0	16,500,000	47,536,368	68.2%	
02038 Governor's Office SSR	14,051,760	0	0	0	14,051,760	100.0%	
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$14,051,760</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,051,760</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	
03001 Governor's Office FSR	7,079,332	0	0	0	7,079,332	100.0%	
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$7,079,332</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,079,332</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	
06510 Governor's Office Proprietary Fund	1,052,843	0	0	0	1,052,843	100.0%	
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$1,052,843</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,052,843</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$53,220,303</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$16,500,000</b>	<b>\$69,720,303</b>		

*HB 2 Appropriations*

The Office of Budget and Program Planning has historically been entirely funded with general fund. For the 2027 biennium, the executive is proposing additional general fund, state special revenue, federal special revenue, and proprietary fund appropriations in HB 2. These proposed appropriations are mainly to address personnel recruitment and retention issues as they arise in the Executive Branch and a smaller proportion for legislative audit costs related to the federal single audit.

**Program Actuals and Budget Comparison**

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.



Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Request Fiscal 2026	Request Fiscal 2027
PB	0.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Personal Services	2,552,963	2,529,522	2,639,970	25,726,358	25,735,799
Operating Expenses	696,431	882,646	794,913	1,061,615	696,531
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,249,394</b>	<b>\$3,412,168</b>	<b>\$3,434,883</b>	<b>\$26,787,973</b>	<b>\$26,432,330</b>
General Fund	3,249,394	3,412,168	3,434,883	15,604,038	15,432,330
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	0	0	0	7,051,760	7,000,000
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	0	0	0	3,579,332	3,500,000
Proprietary Funds	0	0	0	552,843	500,000
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$3,249,394</b>	<b>\$3,412,168</b>	<b>\$3,434,883</b>	<b>\$26,787,973</b>	<b>\$26,432,330</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$3,249,394</b>	<b>\$3,412,168</b>	<b>\$3,434,883</b>	<b>\$26,787,973</b>	<b>\$26,432,330</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

*Program Description*

The Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP) assists the Governor in preparing the Governor's executive budget request and administering the state government budget. In addition, the OBPP prepares and monitors revenue estimates and collections, prepares and publishes fiscal notes on proposed legislation and initiatives, and acts as the approving authority for operational plan changes, program transfers, and budget amendments in the Executive Branch, in accordance with Title 17, Chapter 7, MCA. The OBPP acts as the lead Executive Branch agency for compliance with the federal Single Audit Act. The office also provides accounting, budgeting, human resource, procurement, safety, and information technology support for the entire Governor's Office.

*FY 2024 Appropriation Compared to FY 2024 Actual Expenditures*

The Office of Budget and Program Planning's HB 2 budget of approximately \$3.4 million was 95.2% expended as of the end of FY 2024. This is in line with anticipated expenditures at the end of the fiscal year.

Appropriations for operating expenses totaled \$883,000 and were 78.9% expended at the end of the fiscal year. The slightly lower percentage expended is partially due to lower legislative audit expenditures, which are biennial and may be used in FY 2025, and lower information technology expenditures.

*FY 2024 Appropriations Compared to FY 2025 Appropriations*

Overall, the FY 2025 appropriation is approximately \$23,000 or 0.7% higher than the FY 2024 appropriation. The difference is primarily due to:

- Appropriations of \$92,000 for legislative audit costs are only in FY 2024
- Funding from HB 13, which included adjustments for the pay plan, were approximately \$97,000 greater in FY 2025

**Present Law Adjustments**

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the proposed budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

Present Law Adjustments	Fiscal 2026					Fiscal 2027				
	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	86,388	0	0	86,388	0.00	95,829	0	0	95,829
DP 2 - Fixed Costs	0.00	79,247	51,760	79,332	263,182	0.00	(102,192)	0	0	(102,192)
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation	0.00	(20)	0	0	(20)	0.00	(13)	0	0	(13)
DP 401 - OBPP Operating Increase	0.00	3,540	0	0	3,540	0.00	3,823	0	0	3,823
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$169,155</b>	<b>\$51,760</b>	<b>\$79,332</b>	<b>\$353,090</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(\$2,553)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$2,553)</b>

\*"Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The executive requests adjustments to the present law personal services budget. This request has been broken into the following categories, and further detail is shown in the agency summary:

- Legislatively approved changes
- Management decisions
- Budget modifications made to the personal services budget in the 2025 biennium

Governor's Office Office of Budget and Program Planning FY 2026 Statewide Present Law Adjustment for Personal Services	
Legislative Changes	\$ 43,244
Management Changes	43,144
Total Budget Modifications	-
Total	\$ 86,388

The Office of Budget and Program Planning’s statewide present law adjustment for personal services was impacted by legislative changes and management changes. The increase in legislative changes is due to changes in benefits and longevity. The increase in management changes is mainly due to pay rate increases for retention, promotions, and increases in pay related to new hires.

DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The executive requests adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget to pay increases in fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples include: audit fees, Capitol complex rent, information technology services, etc. The rates charged for these services are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

<b>LFD COMMENT</b>	The Legislative Audit Division (LAD) is proposing a new process for the federal single audit. Certain individual agencies have federal single audit costs included in their budgets based on projected hours. However, there can be volatility between the projected hours and the hours spent at an agency. According to LAD, this can result from “changes in federal funding and the requirements to replace low-risk high-dollar programs with high-risk low-dollar programs” during testing that occurs on an annual basis. The executive is proposing to include contingency funding in the Office of Budget and Program Planning to allow OBPP to transfer restricted audit appropriations
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to an agency if the projected hours are lower than the actual hours LAD is working on the federal single audit in that agency.

Included in this request is \$287,000 for the federal single audit contingency fund, which includes approximately \$103,000 general fund, \$52,000 state special revenue, \$79,000 federal special revenue, and \$53,000 proprietary funds. Additionally, there are \$77,000 general fund for the traditional agency audit costs allocated to the Governor's Office.

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The executive requests adjustments to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation and deflation factors to specific expenditure accounts. Affected accounts include in-state state motor pool and motor pool leased vehicles.

DP 401 - OBPP Operating Increase -

The executive requests general fund appropriations for subscription costs related to economic data. The Office of Budget and Program Planning maintains a contract for an economic data service on behalf of the OBPP, Legislative Fiscal Division, and several other state agencies. An annual increase of 8.0% is anticipated.

**New Proposals**

The "New Proposals" table shows new proposals for spending.

New Proposals	-----Fiscal 2026-----					-----Fiscal 2027-----				
	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 402 - Recruitment and Retention Contingency Fund (RST, BIEN)	0.00	12,000,000	7,000,000	3,500,000	23,000,000	0.00	12,000,000	7,000,000	3,500,000	23,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$12,000,000</b>	<b>\$7,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,500,000</b>	<b>\$23,000,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$12,000,000</b>	<b>\$7,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,500,000</b>	<b>\$23,000,000</b>

\*\*Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 402 - Recruitment and Retention Contingency Fund (RST, BIEN) -

The executive requests general fund, state special revenue, federal special revenue, and proprietary funds for a contingency fund for Executive Branch agencies. This contingency fund would be used when personnel recruitment and retention issues arise and must be dealt with, but the agency does not have the financial capacity to do so. The contingency fund would be managed by the Office of Budget and Program Planning and each request would require Budget Director approval. The funds would be used to adjust base pay for employees upon approval, so the appropriation authority would be transferred to the requesting agency and become a part of the base budget of that agency. The appropriation is requested to be restricted and biennial.

**LFD COMMENT**

At the end of FY 2024, the State of Montana had 12,140.25 authorized HB 2 positions budgeted (PB), and 96.2% of the \$1.1 billion budget for personal services was expended. As of the end of the fiscal year, which is a point in time, there were 10.5% or 1,284.57 PB vacant. Additionally, when looking at the number of hours utilized throughout FY 2024 by PB statewide when compared to the number of hours available, statewide 91.2% of the hours budgeted in FY 2024 have been used.

The executive is requesting restricted, biennial funding of \$23.0 million each fiscal year as a contingency fund to address personnel recruitment and retention issues as they arise in the 2027 biennium. This request is 2.2% of the HB 2 FY 2025 budget for the Executive Branch as of December 6, 2024. The table below provides additional information by fund type for

the FY 2025 HB 2 budget.

Executive Branch			
FY 2025 Personal Service Appropriations Compared to Contingency Fund Request			
	FY 2025	Requested	Percent of
	Personal Services	Contingency Funding	FY 2025 Budget
General Fund	\$ 428,032,868	\$ 12,000,000	2.8%
State Special Revenue	400,877,152	7,000,000	1.7%
Federal Special Revenue	219,119,888	3,500,000	1.6%
Proprietary Funds	<u>8,797,513</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>5.7%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,056,827,421</u>	<u>\$ 23,000,000</u>	<u>2.2%</u>

\*as of November 27, 2024

A few considerations related to this request included:

- Reporting Requirements and/or Additional Restrictions – the legislature could add reporting requirements and/or restrictions to this appropriation in HB 13 or a companion bill
- Biennial Designation – the biennial designation allows for the Office of Budget and Program Planning to use this funding in either year of the biennium, and any unspent appropriations will continue into FY 2027. If these appropriations are not used in FY 2026, the total appropriations available in FY 2027 would be \$46.0 million and could be part of the base budget moving forward
- Base Budget – the executive is proposing that the funding transferred to the agencies become part of the base budget moving forward, which is necessary because the pay adjustments will continue into the 2029 biennium. However, if all or a portion of the funding is not transferred to agencies and remains in the Office of Budget and Program Planning’s FY 2027 budget, it will become part of OBPP’s base budget. If the legislature wants remaining funding in OBPP’s budget not to continue into the 2029 biennium, they will need to include language in HB 2 that indicates that remaining appropriations that have not been transferred to agencies are considered one-time-only and will not be included in the base moving forward
- Target Funding – the legislature may want to directly appropriate funding within HB 2 to agencies that are currently experiencing recruitment and retention issues, and provide a smaller contingency fund to the Office of Budget and Program Planning to address additional recruitment and retention issues that may not currently be identified but become apparent during the 2027 biennium

**Program Base Budget Comparison**

The following table compares the base budget with the requested expenditures for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Base Budget Comparison						
Budget Item	Base Budget	Requested Budget		Biennium Change from Base		
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
PB	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.0%	
General Fund	224,607	234,304	234,739	19,829	4.4%	
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	50,000	50,000	50,000		0.0%	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>274,607</b>	<b>284,304</b>	<b>284,739</b>	<b>19,829</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	
Personal Services	181,418	192,227	192,226	21,617	6.0%	
Operating Expenses	93,189	92,077	92,513	(1,788)	(1.0%)	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>274,607</b>	<b>284,304</b>	<b>284,739</b>	<b>19,829</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>274,607</b>	<b>284,304</b>	<b>284,739</b>	<b>19,829</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	
<b>Total One-Time-Only</b>					<b>0.0%</b>	

**Program Highlights**

<b>Office of Indian Affairs Major Budget Highlights</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Office of Indian Affairs' 2027 biennium requested appropriations are approximately \$20,000 or 3.6% higher than the FY 2025 base budget. Significant proposed biennial changes in general fund include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ An increase of \$20,000 related to pay rate increases for an exempt position</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Executive Request**

The following table shows the total executive request with the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals by source of funding.

Office of Indian Affairs 2027 Biennium HB 2 Base Budget and Requested Adjustments										
	FY 2026					FY 2027				
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget Request	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget Request
<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>224,607</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>274,607</b>	<b>96.6%</b>	<b>224,607</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>274,607</b>	<b>96.4%</b>
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	10,809	0	0	10,809	3.8%	10,808	0	0	10,808	3.8%
Fixed Costs	38	0	0	38	0.0%	101	0	0	101	0.0%
Inflation Deflation	(1,150)	0	0	(1,150)	(0.4%)	(777)	0	0	(777)	(0.3%)
<b>Total Statewide PL</b>	<b>9,697</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,697</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>10,132</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,132</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total HB 2 Adjustments</b>	<b>9,697</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,697</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>10,132</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,132</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>Total Requested Budget</b>	<b>234,304</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>284,304</b>		<b>234,739</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>284,739</b>	

**Funding**

The following table shows proposed program funding for all sources of authority.

Governor's Office, 05-Office of Indian Affairs Funding by Source of Authority						
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
01100 General Fund	469,043	0	0	0	469,043	82.4%
02038 Governor's Office SSR	100,000	0	0	0	100,000	100.0%
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>17.6%</b>
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$569,043</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$569,043</b>	

*HB 2 Appropriations*

The majority of the Office of Indian Affairs is funded with general fund. The remaining funding is comprised of state special revenue funds generated by fees associated with tribal relations training administered by the Office of Indian Affairs.

**Program Actuals and Budget Comparison**

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Request Fiscal 2026	Request Fiscal 2027
PB	0.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Personal Services	154,218	172,766	181,418	192,227	192,226
Operating Expenses	46,524	92,027	93,189	92,077	92,513
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$200,742</b>	<b>\$264,793</b>	<b>\$274,607</b>	<b>\$284,304</b>	<b>\$284,739</b>
General Fund	178,529	214,793	224,607	234,304	234,739
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	22,213	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$200,742</b>	<b>\$264,793</b>	<b>\$274,607</b>	<b>\$284,304</b>	<b>\$284,739</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$200,742</b>	<b>\$264,793</b>	<b>\$274,607</b>	<b>\$284,304</b>	<b>\$284,739</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

*Program Description*

The Director of Indian Affairs serves as the Governor's liaison with state Indian tribes, provides information and policy support on issues confronting the Indians of Montana, and advises and makes recommendations on these issues to the Legislative and Executive Branches. The director also serves the Montana congressional delegation as an advisor and intermediary in the field of Indian affairs and acts as spokesperson for representative Native American organizations and groups, both public and private, whenever that support is requested. The program is mandated by 2-15-217 and 90-11-101, MCA.

*FY 2024 Appropriation Compared to FY 2024 Actual Expenditures*

The Office of Indian Affairs' HB 2 budget of approximately \$265,000 was 75.8% expended as of the end of FY 2024.

Personal services appropriations of approximately \$173,000 were 89.3% expended at the end of the fiscal year and 64.1% of the total personal services hours budgeted were utilized. Personal services expenditures were lower than anticipated in the budget due to vacancies. The Office of Indian Affairs has 2.00 PB. Of these, 1.00 PB was vacant for nearly half of FY 2024.

Appropriations for operating expenses totaled approximately \$92,000 and were 50.6% expended at the end of the fiscal year. The state special revenue funding for tribal relations training has a budget of \$50,000 and is 44.4% expended, which is the primary contributor to the lower percentage expended in operating expenses. The Office of Indian Affairs held a training on November 29, 2023.

*FY 2024 Appropriations Compared to FY 2025 Appropriations*

Overall, the FY 2025 appropriation is approximately \$10,000 or 3.7% greater than the FY 2024 appropriation. This is primarily because the legislature approved HB 13 which included adjustments for the pay plan that were approximately \$8,000 greater in FY 2025.

**Present Law Adjustments**

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the proposed budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

Present Law Adjustments	-----Fiscal 2026-----					-----Fiscal 2027-----				
	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	10,809	0	0	10,809	0.00	10,808	0	0	10,808
DP 2 - Fixed Costs	0.00	38	0	0	38	0.00	101	0	0	101
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation	0.00	(1,150)	0	0	(1,150)	0.00	(777)	0	0	(777)
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$9,697</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,697</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$10,132</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,132</b>

\*\*"Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The executive requests adjustments to the present law personal services budget. This request has been broken into the following categories, and further detail is shown in the agency summary:

- Legislatively approved changes
- Management decisions
- Budget modifications made to the personal services budget in the 2025 biennium

Governor's Office Office of Indian Affairs FY 2026 Statewide Present Law Adjustment for Personal Services	
Legislative Changes	\$ 1,681
Management Changes	9,128
Total Budget Modifications	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,809</u>

The Office of Indian Affairs' statewide present law adjustment for personal services was primarily impacted by management changes. This increase is mainly due to pay rate increases for an exempt position.

DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The executive requests adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget to pay increases in fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples include: audit fees, Capitol complex rent, information technology services, etc. The rates charged for these services are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The executive requests adjustments to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation and deflation factors to specific expenditure accounts. Affected accounts include in-state state motor pool and motor pool leased vehicles.



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## Program Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the requested expenditures for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Base Budget Comparison						
Budget Item	Base Budget	Requested Budget		Biennium Change from Base		
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
PB	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.0%	
General Fund	516,311	512,308	514,409	(5,905)	(0.6%)	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>516,311</b>	<b>512,308</b>	<b>514,409</b>	<b>(5,905)</b>	<b>(0.6%)</b>	
Personal Services	468,908	458,171	460,203	(19,442)	(2.1%)	
Operating Expenses	47,403	54,137	54,206	13,537	14.3%	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>516,311</b>	<b>512,308</b>	<b>514,409</b>	<b>(5,905)</b>	<b>(0.6%)</b>	
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>516,311</b>	<b>512,308</b>	<b>514,409</b>	<b>(5,905)</b>	<b>(0.6%)</b>	
<b>Total One-Time-Only</b>					<b>0.0%</b>	

## Program Highlights

### Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors and Mental Health Ombudsman Major Budget Highlights

- The Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors and Mental Health Ombudsman's 2027 biennium requested appropriations are approximately \$6,000 or 0.6% lower than the FY 2025 base budget. Significant proposed biennial general fund changes include:
  - A decrease in personal services of \$19,000 primarily due to the consolidation of two part-time positions into 1.00 PB, which decreased health insurance benefits
  - An increase in operating expense of \$10,000 for increased travel expenses for the Mental Health Ombudsman
  - An increase in operating expenses of \$5,000 for increasing reimbursements to the Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors members to \$100 per day

## Executive Request

The following table shows the total executive request with the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals by source of funding.

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Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors and Mental Health Ombudsman 2027 Biennium HB 2 Base Budget and Requested Adjustments										
	FY 2026					FY 2027				
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget Request	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget Request
<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>516,311</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>516,311</b>	<b>100.8%</b>	<b>516,311</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>516,311</b>	<b>100.4%</b>
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	(10,737)	0	0	(10,737)	(2.1%)	(8,705)	0	0	(8,705)	(1.7%)
Fixed Costs	(747)	0	0	(747)	(0.1%)	(684)	0	0	(684)	(0.1%)
Inflation Deflation	(19)	0	0	(19)	(0.0%)	(13)	0	0	(13)	(0.0%)
Total Statewide PL	(11,503)	0	0	(11,503)	(2.2%)	(9,402)	0	0	(9,402)	(1.8%)
Present Law (PL)	5,000	0	0	5,000	1.0%	5,000	0	0	5,000	1.0%
New Proposals	2,500	0	0	2,500	0.5%	2,500	0	0	2,500	0.5%
<b>Total HB 2 Adjustments</b>	<b>(4,003)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(4,003)</b>	<b>(0.8%)</b>	<b>(1,902)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,902)</b>	<b>(0.4%)</b>
<b>Total Requested Budget</b>	<b>512,308</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>512,308</b>		<b>514,409</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>514,409</b>	

### Funding

The following table shows proposed program funding for all sources of authority.

Governor's Office, 20-Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors and Mental Health Ombudsman Funding by Source of Authority							
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
01100 General Fund	1,026,717	0	0	0	1,026,717	100.0%	
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$1,026,717</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,026,717</b>		

### HB 2 Appropriations

The Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors and Mental Health Ombudsman is entirely funded with general fund.

### Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

## 31010 - Governor's Office20-Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors and Mental Health Ombudsman

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Request Fiscal 2026	Request Fiscal 2027
PB	0.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Personal Services	437,413	448,454	468,908	458,171	460,203
Operating Expenses	34,474	46,058	47,403	54,137	54,206
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$471,887</b>	<b>\$494,512</b>	<b>\$516,311</b>	<b>\$512,308</b>	<b>\$514,409</b>
General Fund	471,887	494,512	516,311	512,308	514,409
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$471,887</b>	<b>\$494,512</b>	<b>\$516,311</b>	<b>\$512,308</b>	<b>\$514,409</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$471,887</b>	<b>\$494,512</b>	<b>\$516,311</b>	<b>\$512,308</b>	<b>\$514,409</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### Program Description

The Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors is charged with formally reviewing patient care and assisting people who have complaints about services at Montana's licensed mental health centers, community hospital psychiatric units, children's residential treatment programs, and at the state facilities that serve people with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities. The board provides legal services to patients at Montana State Hospital. The Governor appoints six board members who represent recipients of services and their families, and the mental health and developmental disability professions. The board employs administrative and legal staff and contracts with mental health and developmental disability professionals to carry out its responsibilities for patient representation and facility review. The Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors Program was created by the Developmental Disabilities Act of 1975 and the Mental Commitment and Treatment Act of 1975 and exists as a state mandate.

The Mental Health Ombudsman is statutorily directed to "represent the interests of individuals with regard to need for public mental health services". The office functions with 2.00 PB responding to statewide requests for service. The Office of the Ombudsman was created by the legislature in 1999 and is appointed by the Governor for a four-year term.

### FY 2024 Appropriation Compared to FY 2024 Actual Expenditures

The Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors and Mental Health Ombudsman's HB 2 budget of approximately \$495,000 was 95.4% expended as of the end of FY 2024. This is in line with anticipated expenditures at the end of the fiscal year.

### FY 2024 Appropriations Compared to FY 2025 Appropriations

Overall, the FY 2025 appropriation is approximately \$22,000 or 4.4% greater than the FY 2024 appropriation. This is primarily because the legislature approved HB 13 which included adjustments for the pay plan that were approximately \$19,000 greater in FY 2025.

### Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the proposed budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

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	Fiscal 2026					Fiscal 2027				
	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	(10,737)	0	0	(10,737)	0.00	(8,705)	0	0	(8,705)
DP 2 - Fixed Costs	0.00	(747)	0	0	(747)	0.00	(684)	0	0	(684)
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation	0.00	(19)	0	0	(19)	0.00	(13)	0	0	(13)
DP 2001 - MHOB Travel Increase	0.00	5,000	0	0	5,000	0.00	5,000	0	0	5,000
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(\$6,503)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$6,503)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(\$4,402)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$4,402)</b>

\*\*Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

## DP 1 - Personal Services -

The executive requests adjustments to the present law personal services budget. This request has been broken into the following categories, and further detail is shown in the agency summary:

- Legislatively approved changes
- Management decisions
- Budget modifications made to the personal services budget in the 2025 biennium

Governor's Office Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors and Mental Health Ombudsman FY 2026 Statewide Present Law Adjustment for Personal Services	
Legislative Changes	\$ (6,095)
Management Changes	(4,642)
Total Budget Modifications	-
Total	<u>\$ (10,737)</u>

The Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors and Mental Health Ombudsman's statewide present law adjustment for personal services was impacted by legislative and management changes. Reasons for these changes include:

- The legislative changes are primarily because the program consolidated two part-time positions into 1.00 PB. This consolidation reduced the amount paid in benefits, specifically health insurance
- The management decisions are mainly due to an increase in vacancy savings being requested when comparing the requests in the 2023 Legislative Session and the 2025 Legislative Session

## DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The executive requests adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget to pay increases in fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples include: audit fees, Capitol complex rent, information technology services, etc. The rates charged for these services are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

# 31010 - Governor's Office 20-Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors and Mental Health Ombudsman

## DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The executive requests adjustments to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation and deflation factors to specific expenditure accounts. Affected accounts include in-state state motor pool and motor pool leased vehicles.

## DP 2001 - MHOB Travel Increase -

The executive requests an increase in general fund for travel expenses for the Mental Health Ombudsman. This requested increase will allow for travel across the state for outreach and training in local communities. Currently, the Mental Health Ombudsman is providing trainings online or travel expenses are reimbursed by other entities as part of events they host, which are typically in larger cities. This request is intended to allow for the Mental Health Ombudsman to travel to smaller communities to provide training and resource materials. The requested budget is anticipated to allow for outreach to 13 locations statewide.

## **New Proposals**

The "New Proposals" table shows new proposals for spending.

New Proposals	-----Fiscal 2026-----					-----Fiscal 2027-----				
	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 2002 - BOV Operating Increase	0.00	2,500	0	0	2,500	0.00	2,500	0	0	2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>

\*\*"Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

## DP 2002 - BOV Operating Increase -

The executive requests an increase in general fund for travel expenses and increasing reimbursements to the Mental Disabilities Board members to \$100 for each day in which the member is engaged in the performance of board duties.

### **LFD COMMENT**

314.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the legislature passed HB 314. This bill increased the daily compensation rate for boards from an amount not to exceed \$50 per day to \$100. HB 2 appropriations were not increased for the 2025 biennium for the Mental Health Board of Visitors to reflect changes passed in HB