

HB 2 SUMMARY

HB 2 is the appropriations bill for the operations of state government, and includes most agency appropriations, except the following:

- Statutory appropriations (e.g., State Fund, debt service, local government distributions)
- Other appropriations bills (cat-and-dog bills)
- Transfers

HB 2 also includes language appropriations, which are not included in the HB 2 numbers and tables but are valid appropriation changes.

HB 2 NARRATIVE

This narrative is an agency-by-agency, program-by-program summary of 2027 biennium appropriations in HB 2. The purpose of this narrative is to provide a resource to aid legislators for action on HB 2 by providing an explanation of the appropriations included in the bill. The narrative reflects action through the Senate Finance and Claims Committee.

The narrative for each agency begins with an agency summary table comparing total appropriations for the 2027 biennium to the 2025 biennium. Following the agency table is a reference to the pages in the LFD [Budget Analysis](#) in which the agency is discussed in more detail.

The agency section of the narrative also includes agency highlights summarizing major budget actions. The narrative provides a table for each program that summarizes the total budget by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals. After the agency highlights table each agency-level section includes a table showing actual expenditures, base budget, and legislative budget for the 2027 biennium. This table is followed by another which compares legislative appropriations for the 2027 biennium to the executive request. The agency summary ends with a discussion of any agency-wide language included in HB 2.

Explanations of the changes in appropriations for each program within the agency follow. These sections begin with a program summary table comparing total appropriations for the 2025 biennium to the 2027 biennium. Also included is a summary of program funding, followed by a table that summarizes the total budget by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals. A table showing major present law adjustments, and an explanation of those adjustments, follows. A table and explanation outlining all new proposals (if any) follows the present law adjustments section.

Training documents on terminology and the [HB 2 process](#) are available on the Legislative Fiscal Division [webpage](#) (under the Guides and Videos tab).

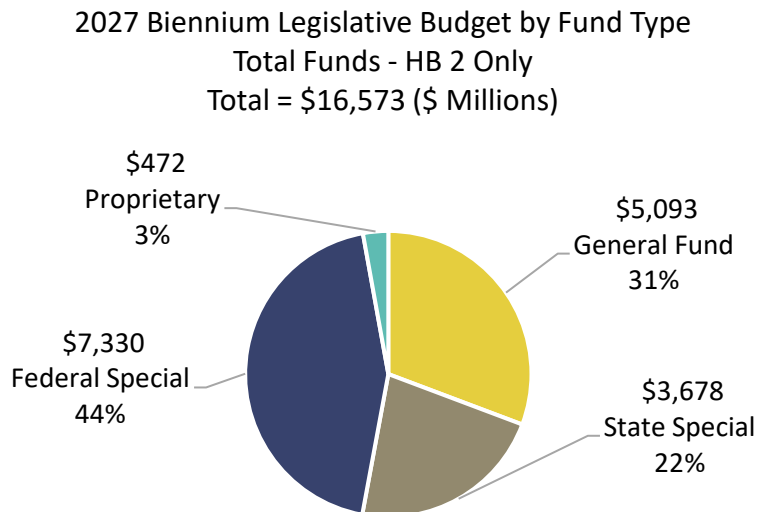
STATE BUDGET SUMMARY

The following graphics provide a summarization of HB 2 appropriations through the Senate Finance and Claims Committee. These graphics provide summary level information regarding the types of funds in HB 2 and where such funds are utilized. The graphics are summarized by budget sections.

The LFD [HB 2 budget tool](#) shows additional detail on the status of HB 2 at each stage through the legislative appropriations process.

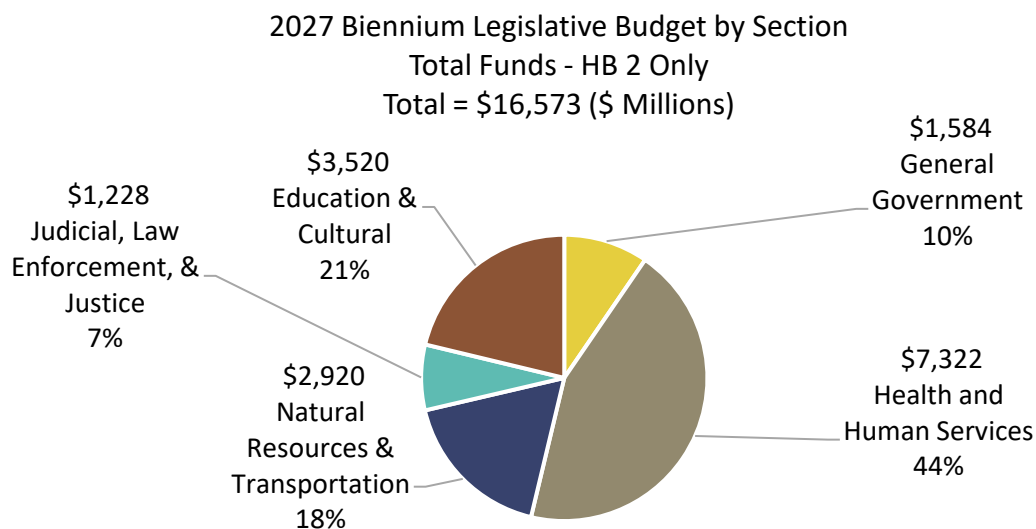
HB 2 Funding by Type

The largest source of funding in HB 2 is federal funds at 44%, with general fund making up 31% of HB 2 appropriations.



HB 2 Funding by Section

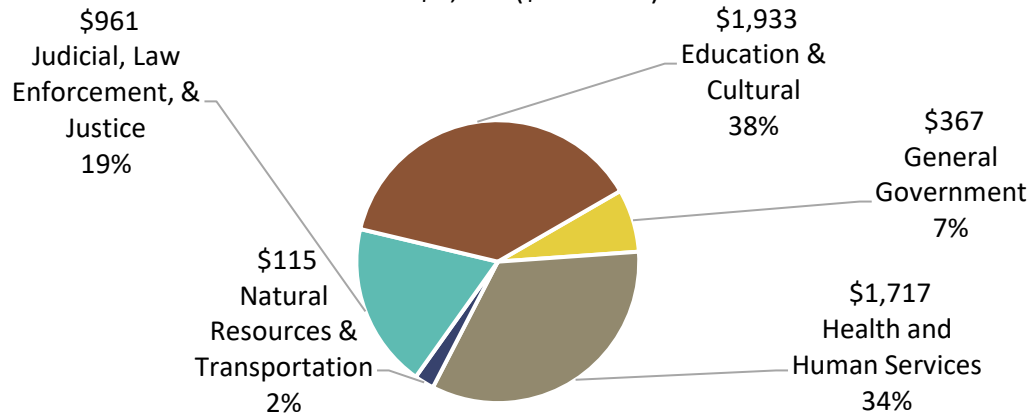
The largest section of HB 2, as measured by total funds, is Section B (Public Health and Human Services), with a total HB 2 biennial budget of \$7,322 million, or 44% of the HB 2 budget, followed by Section E (Education) with \$3,520 million and Section C (Transportation & Natural Resources) with \$2,920 million.



HB 2 General Fund by Section

General fund is predominately utilized to fund budgets in the Education budget section, totaling \$1,933 million, and Public Health and Human Services budget section, totaling \$1,717 million. Natural resource agencies (Section C) utilize the smallest amount of general fund appropriations at \$115 million.

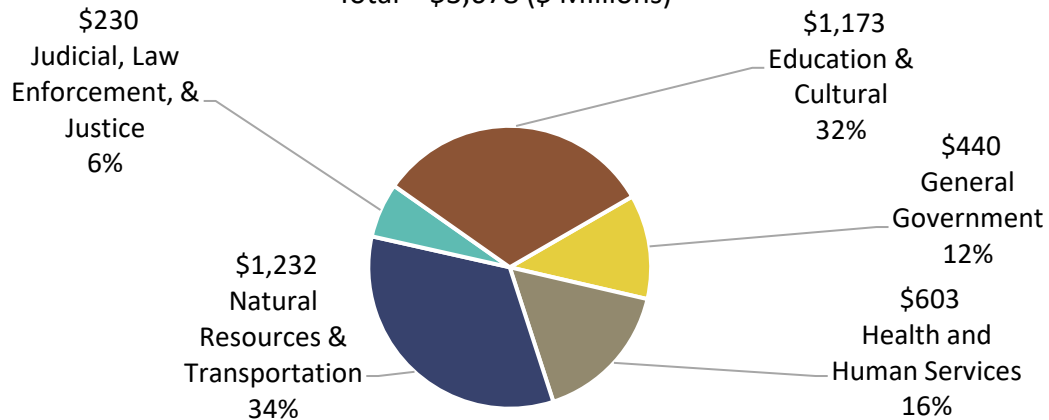
2027 Biennium Legislative Budget by Section
General Fund - HB 2 Only
Total = \$5,093 (\$ Millions)



HB 2 State Special Revenue by Section

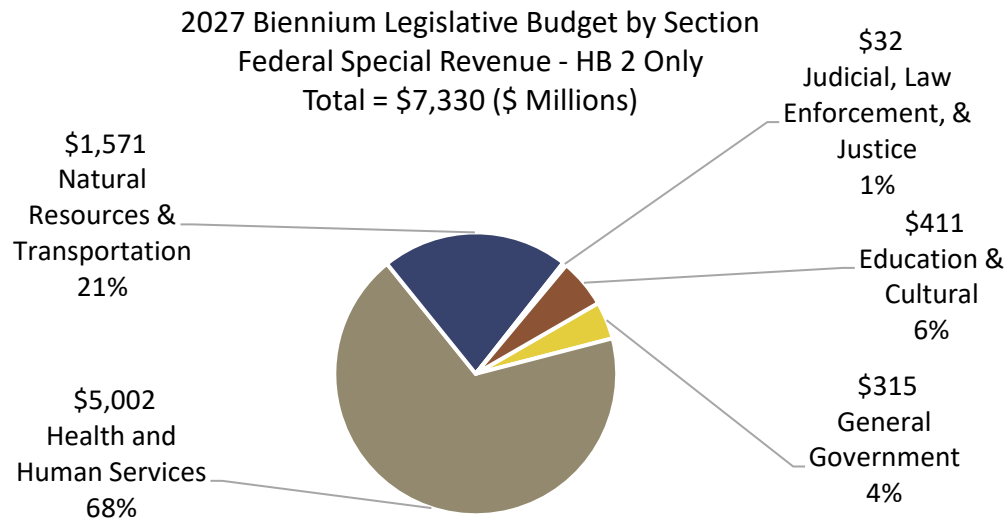
State Special revenue funds are earmarked for the purpose of defraying costs in an agency or program. These revenues could be entirely or in part sourced from fees, licenses, and permit revenues paid by individuals utilizing a service or obtaining a permit. State special revenue funds appropriations in HB 2 total \$3,678 million, of which 34%, or \$1,232 million, support Section C (Transportation & Natural Resources) agencies.

2027 Biennium Legislative Budget by Section
State Special Revenue - HB 2 Only
Total = \$3,678 (\$ Millions)



HB 2 Federal Special Revenue by Section

Federal funds are comprised of funds made available by the federal government for a specific purpose and utilized within federal guidelines. HB 2 contains \$7,330 million in federal funds, of which the primary recipients are the Health and Human Services and Natural Resources and Transportation sections.



AGENCY BUDGET COMPARISONS BY FUND TYPE

This section provides comparisons, by agency, of the adopted budget for HB 2. The comparisons show fund types, except proprietary. Comparisons include the 2025 biennium appropriations to the 2027 biennium legislative appropriation as well as the 2027 biennium executive request to the current legislative appropriation. This overview provides a summary of the legislatively adopted budget; the agency and program narratives that follow describe the budget changes in detail. The tables below do not include any HB 2 language appropriations.

General Fund

As defined in 17-2-102, MCA, the general fund “accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.” The general fund provides funding for the general operations of state government. The legislative budget is \$34.5 million or 0.7% higher than the executive proposal, and \$775.7 million or 18.0% higher than the 2025 biennium budget.

Differences are described in each agency in the narrative, but the following changes as compared to the 2025 biennium budget are noteworthy:

Section A, General Government

Significant increases in general fund include:

- An increase of approximately \$9.1 million per fiscal year for the general fund transfer to the capital development fund account within the Department of Administration
- An increase of approximately \$7.2 million in FY 2026 and \$7.7 million in FY 2027 for the general fund transfer to the major maintenance repair fund within the Department of Administration
- Increases in PB and operating costs related to property tax revision implementation in the Department of Revenue. This change is a culmination of three decision packages for a total increase of approximately \$4.6 million over the 2027 biennium and is contingent on HB 155, HB 154, and HB 231. All decision packages are biennial
- An increase in operational costs for the Veteran’s Affairs Divisions of approximately \$1.9 million in each fiscal year of the 2027 biennium
- A present law adjustment of approximately \$2.9 million over the 2027 biennium in the Legislative Branch, primarily for information technology upgrades
- A decrease in the Department of Labor and Industry of approximately \$1.9 million each fiscal year of the 2027 biennium to switch funds used for the Human Rights Bureau to state special revenue

Section B, Public Health and Human Services

The largest areas of general fund increase are in Section B, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS). The following areas were increased significantly from the 2025 biennium:

- Adoption of \$86.7 million increase for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) changes
- A total of \$79.5 million over the biennium was appropriated to the Health Care Facilities Division on a one-time-only basis to support state and contract staffing needs at state run facilities
- Adoption of higher provider rates for Medicaid and non-Medicaid providers totaling \$53.9 million
- Increases for information technology amount to \$19.8 million over the biennium, including costs for information technology maintenance and operations as well as rate increases for information technology services through the Statewide Information Technology Services Division (SITSD)
- Adoption of increased caseload funding for foster care, guardianship, and adoption totaling \$14.4 million

Section C, Natural Resources and Transportation

Significant increases in general fund include:

- An additional \$1.9 million over the 2027 biennium in funding for stream gage networks
- New positions budgeted (5.00) in the Department of Environmental Quality to support increasing caseloads. The associated general fund appropriation increase is \$1.3 million, of which 20.6% is operating expenses

Section D, Judicial, Law Enforcement, and Justice

Significant increases in general fund include:

- Department of Corrections
 - \$23.9 million for 360 out-of-state contracted secure beds
 - Just over \$11.2 million for provider rate increases with existing contracted community corrections facilities and continuing two one-time initiatives from the 2023 Session
 - \$8.9 million in statewide present law adjustments to personal services and fixed costs
 - \$6.2 million to increase base appropriations for reimbursing county jail holds
 - Nearly \$2.8 million for increases in provider rates paid to contracted secure facilities and local detention centers
 - Almost \$2.5 million for new equipment and technology purchases
- Department of Justice
 - Nearly \$2.0 million for statewide present law adjustments to personal services and fixed costs
 - \$2.0 million in restricted general fund for the litigation of Montana legislation
- Office of Public Defender
 - \$6.7 million for a total 31.06 new PB for the biennium including transitioning a total of 22.06 modified PB to permanent
 - Nearly \$6.6 million to cover shortfalls in contracted attorney costs
 - Nearly \$6.4 million to increase the contracted attorney pay rate from \$71.00 to \$90.00 per hour
- Judicial Branch
 - \$3.8 million in statewide present law adjustments to personal services and fixed costs
 - \$1.7 million for two new judge positions and accompanying staff for a total of 4.00 PB in FY 2026 and 8.00 PB in FY 2027
 - \$1.5 million to support contract increases for software programs

Section E, Education and Cultural Resources

Significant increases in general fund include:

- An increase of approximately \$102.5 million over the biennium for the Office of Public Instruction (OPI), contingent on legislation for increased teacher pay (HB 252)
- A K-12 BASE Aid inflationary increase for OPI, totaling \$52.1 million
- Approximately \$36.0 million for the school equalization and property tax reduction (SEPTR) account overflow mechanisms for OPI, per 20-9-336, MCA
- A present law inflationary increase for the Montana University System (MUS), totaling \$21.9 million over the biennium
- Increases for the One-Two-Free Program and the Montana 10 Program, totaling \$11.4 million over the biennium

- An increase for MUS fixed costs, totaling \$9.8 million over the biennium

The Section E HB 2 budget also contains school funding and property tax related fund shifts:

- An increase of approximately \$41.4 million over the biennium for OPI, contingent on legislation for homestead and comstead property tax adjustments which would reduce revenue from the 95 mills (HB 231)
- An increase of approximately \$2.6 million over the biennium for OPI, contingent on legislation for an increased business equipment property tax reduction (SB 322)
- A reduction of approximately \$156.9 million over the biennium for OPI due to the projected increase in revenue from the 95 mills
- A reduction of approximately \$21.5 million over the biennium for OPI, contingent on legislation that moves non-levy revenue associated with the 95 mills from the general fund to the SEPTR account (HB 18)

General Fund HB 2 Only	2025 Biennium Approp	2027 Biennium Gov Budget	2027 Biennium Legislative Budget	Legislative Budget Compared to 2025 Biennium Approp	Legislative Budget Compared to 2027 Biennium Gov Budget
Total Ongoing					
A					
11040 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH	46,333,552	52,442,446	53,466,667	15.4%	2.0%
31010 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	15,037,543	40,260,494	16,156,655	7.4%	-59.9%
32020 COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES	1,749,025	1,905,401	1,905,401	8.9%	0.0%
34010 STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE	177,393	314,786	-	-100.0%	-100.0%
58010 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	124,817,224	140,223,299	141,432,440	13.3%	0.9%
61010 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	79,111,676	115,192,215	115,688,943	46.2%	0.4%
65010 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	11,896,828	12,917,365	12,945,453	8.8%	0.2%
66020 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY	4,969,923	1,671,517	2,261,181	-54.5%	35.3%
67010 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS	17,144,730	22,308,109	22,666,471	32.2%	1.6%
B					
69010 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	1,432,486,806	1,642,666,329	1,627,773,472	13.6%	-0.9%
C					
53010 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	12,187,711	16,578,651	16,578,651	36.0%	0.0%
56030 DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK	8,015,820	9,971,263	9,370,865	16.9%	-6.0%
57060 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION	71,862,894	85,202,157	85,548,741	19.0%	0.4%
62010 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	2,344,316	2,234,157	2,183,023	-6.9%	-2.3%
D					
21100 JUDICIAL BRANCH	111,737,018	130,258,238	127,318,964	13.9%	-2.3%
41100 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	93,016,403	98,525,087	95,065,089	2.2%	-3.5%
61080 OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER	90,619,747	130,104,627	111,549,788	23.1%	-14.3%
64010 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	496,040,461	596,499,550	615,185,865	24.0%	3.1%
E					
35010 OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	1,063,728,493	1,227,752,020	1,253,431,433	17.8%	2.1%
51010 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION	1,140,877	1,137,237	1,136,307	-0.4%	-0.1%
51020 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION	534,200,094	622,353,237	630,151,763	18.0%	1.3%
51130 SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF & BLIND	17,741,307	19,765,894	19,699,566	11.0%	-0.3%
51140 MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL	1,218,310	1,347,844	1,347,298	10.6%	0.0%
51150 MONTANA STATE LIBRARY	6,336,883	7,217,249	7,214,961	13.9%	0.0%
51170 MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	7,475,545	4,977,902	3,975,356	-46.8%	-20.1%
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11040 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH	2,286,338	(244,315)	(94,315)	-104.1%	-61.4%
31010 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	(135,890)		102,869	-175.7%	
32020 COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES	(3,288)		229,126	-7068.6%	
58010 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	(300,175)			-100.0%	
61010 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	244,154			-100.0%	
65010 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	65,579			-100.0%	
66020 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY	157,933			-100.0%	
67010 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS	(35,084)		300,000	-955.1%	
B					
69010 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	53,316,637	69,918,166	89,293,711	67.5%	27.7%
C					
53010 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	852,961		200,000	-76.6%	
56030 DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK	(15,262)	200,400	200,400	-1413.1%	0.0%
57060 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION	2,871,690	1,171,801	1,171,801	-59.2%	0.0%
62010 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	749,498		49,000	-93.5%	
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21100 JUDICIAL BRANCH	1,956,808			-100.0%	
41100 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	7,070,550	1,000,000	1,000,000	-85.9%	0.0%
61080 OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER	2,492,606		8,602,800	245.1%	
64010 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	6,483,879		1,846,600	-71.5%	
E					
35010 OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	153,945	1,700,000	6,340,000	4018.4%	272.9%
51010 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION	(1,884)			-100.0%	
51020 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION	(12,272,130)	1,000,000	8,675,330	-170.7%	767.5%
51130 SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF & BLIND	(151,932)		122,000	-180.3%	
51140 MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL	(2,287)			-100.0%	
51150 MONTANA STATE LIBRARY	(30,004)			-100.0%	
51170 MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	267,358	50,000	1,000,000	274.0%	1900.0%
Grand Total	4,317,412,579	5,058,623,126	5,093,093,675	18.0%	0.7%

State Special Revenue

As defined in 17-2-102, MCA, the state special revenue fund “consists of money from state and other non-federal sources deposited in the state treasury that is earmarked for the purposes of defraying particular costs of an agency, program, or function of state government and money and other proceeds from other non-state or non-federal sources that is restricted by law or by the terms of an agreement, such as a contract, trust agreement, or donation.”

The legislative budget is \$29.6 million less or 0.8% lower than the executive budget proposal with respect to state special revenue appropriations in the 2027 biennium. In comparison to the 2025 biennium appropriations, the 2027 biennium budget is \$557.0 million more or 17.8% higher.

State Special Revenue Fund HB 2 Only	2025 Biennium Approp	2027 Biennium Gov Budget	2027 Biennium Legislative Budget	Legislative Budget Compared to 2025 Biennium Approp	Legislative Budget Compared to 2027 Biennium Gov Budget
Total Ongoing					
A					
11040 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH	4,654,135	5,629,827	5,629,827	21.0%	0.0%
11120 CONSUMER COUNSEL	3,171,914	3,700,260	3,400,260	7.2%	-8.1%
31010 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	100,000	14,151,760	100,000	0.0%	-99.3%
34010 STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE	38,778,721	60,524,720	60,939,506	57.1%	0.7%
58010 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	186,594,847	200,217,277	199,453,551	6.9%	-0.4%
61010 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	15,306,158	17,564,096	17,560,436	14.7%	0.0%
65010 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	20,515,005	20,957,026	21,355,792	4.1%	1.9%
66020 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY	108,825,747	126,511,098	126,895,702	16.6%	0.3%
67010 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS	2,103,990	3,056,164	3,055,582	45.2%	0.0%
B					
69010 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	528,313,544	577,540,522	541,224,780	2.4%	-6.3%
C					
52010 DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS	175,344,022	223,624,542	222,375,070	26.8%	-0.6%
53010 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	69,166,003	74,937,161	74,937,159	8.3%	0.0%
54010 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	639,012,050	758,700,019	758,632,246	18.7%	0.0%
56030 DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK	18,667,628	20,476,403	20,474,037	9.7%	0.0%
57060 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION	99,288,175	111,704,020	111,947,392	12.7%	0.7%
62010 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	35,294,451	37,515,408	37,467,026	6.2%	-0.1%
D					
21100 JUDICIAL BRANCH	7,104,914	6,309,574	6,502,697	-8.5%	3.1%
41100 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	164,155,349	192,501,070	190,920,240	16.3%	-0.8%
42010 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	10,091,324	11,642,349	11,918,214	18.1%	2.4%
64010 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	14,160,983	14,202,851	14,202,851	0.3%	0.0%
E					
35010 OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	898,934,601	1,113,971,961	1,072,529,390	19.3%	-3.7%
51010 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION	8	-	-	-100.0%	
51020 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION	69,619,548	76,801,497	76,801,497	10.3%	0.0%
51130 SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF & BLIND	586,514	611,470	611,470	4.3%	0.0%
51140 MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL	432,919	446,351	446,127	3.1%	-0.1%
51150 MONTANA STATE LIBRARY	5,951,611	6,265,936	6,346,652	6.6%	1.3%
51170 MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	5,287,859	9,900,608	11,900,608	125.1%	20.2%
Total OTO					
A					
11040 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH		682,997	682,997		0.0%
11120 CONSUMER COUNSEL	297,068		300,000	1.0%	
31010 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE			51,760		
34010 STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE	2,791,642			-100.0%	
58010 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	(389)			-100.0%	
61010 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	(38,681)			-100.0%	
65010 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	(145,579)			-100.0%	
66020 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY	2,213,626	100,000	100,000	-95.5%	0.0%
67010 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS	(4,633)			-100.0%	
B					
69010 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	(109,905)	409,880	61,604,851	-56152.8%	14930.0%
C					
52010 DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS	(210,474)	750,926	988,176	-569.5%	31.6%
54010 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	(9,772,866)	2,371,123	2,371,123	-124.3%	0.0%
56030 DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK	326,611	863,048	863,048	164.2%	0.0%
57060 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION	2,594,001	932,150	1,212,150	-53.3%	30.0%
62010 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	16,565	856,900	901,900	5344.6%	5.3%
D					
21100 JUDICIAL BRANCH	99,693	400,000	400,000	301.2%	0.0%
41100 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	(660,583)	11,019,346	6,040,000	-1014.3%	-45.2%
42010 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	46,073			-100.0%	
64010 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	(1,169)			-100.0%	
E					
35010 OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	1,560		3,966,350	254153.2%	
51010 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION	(8)			-100.0%	
51140 MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL	(400)			-100.0%	
51150 MONTANA STATE LIBRARY	1,800,000			-100.0%	
51170 MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	48,000		650,000	1254.2%	
Grand Total	3,120,752,172	3,707,350,340	3,677,760,467	17.8%	-0.8%

Federal Special Revenue

As defined in 17-2-102, MCA, the federal special fund “consists of money deposited in the treasury from federal sources, including trust income, that is used for operation of state government.” The legislative budget is \$276.3 million or 3.9% higher than the executive proposed budget. In comparison to the 2025 biennium appropriations, the 2027 biennium legislative budget is \$144.6 million or 2.0% higher. The Department of Public Health and Human Services HB 2 budget is \$243.2 million higher than the executive request, largely due to the legislature not adopting the executive proposal to move the Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP) from HB 2 to a statutory appropriation, which would have lowered federal funds in HB 2 by \$345.1 million over the 2027 biennium.

Federal Funds HB 2 Only	2025 Biennium Approp	2027 Biennium Gov Budget	2027 Biennium Legislative Budget	Legislative Budget Compared to 2025 Biennium Approp	Legislative Budget Compared to 2027 Biennium Gov Budget
Total Ongoing					
A					
31010 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE		7,079,332			-100.0%
34010 STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE	68,200,000	95,028,466	95,028,466	39.3%	0.0%
58010 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	1,005,794	1,006,046	1,006,046	0.0%	0.0%
61010 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	37,070	57,070	57,070	54.0%	0.0%
65010 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	39,524,437	43,691,482	43,691,202	10.5%	0.0%
66020 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY	66,964,485	71,497,346	74,689,952	11.5%	4.5%
67010 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS	94,954,087	100,125,926	100,122,958	5.4%	0.0%
B					
69010 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	5,096,159,506	4,717,900,203	4,961,103,613	-2.7%	5.2%
C					
52010 DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS	79,413,873	68,249,487	68,249,487	-14.1%	0.0%
53010 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	50,015,420	52,871,664	52,871,664	5.7%	0.0%
54010 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	1,250,614,474	1,436,266,300	1,435,658,780	14.8%	0.0%
56030 DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK	4,609,927	4,590,159	4,590,159	-0.4%	0.0%
57060 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION	5,735,741	4,245,866	4,245,866	-26.0%	0.0%
62010 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	3,172,179	3,642,270	3,642,270	14.8%	0.0%
D					
21100 JUDICIAL BRANCH	753,927	757,600	757,600	0.5%	0.0%
41100 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	30,497,769	31,125,200	31,125,200	2.1%	0.0%
42010 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	547,382	547,520	547,520	0.0%	0.0%
E					
35010 OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	346,687,278	368,688,579	365,487,973	5.4%	-0.9%
51020 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION	36,458,379	37,898,204	37,898,204	3.9%	0.0%
51130 SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF & BLIND	388,632	413,618	413,618	6.4%	0.0%
51140 MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL	1,573,132	1,604,865	1,604,431	2.0%	0.0%
51150 MONTANA STATE LIBRARY	2,994,841	3,109,956	3,109,956	3.8%	0.0%
51170 MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	1,910,773	2,029,041	2,028,369	6.2%	0.0%
Total OTO					
A					
31010 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE			79,332		
58010 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	(1,332)			-100.0%	
65010 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	(20,205)			-100.0%	
66020 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY	(33,218)			-100.0%	
67010 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS	(588,759)			-100.0%	
B					
69010 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	457,056		40,685,417	8801.6%	
C					
54010 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	3,520,000	1,470,667	1,470,667	-58.2%	0.0%
56030 DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK	(5,288)			-100.0%	
62010 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	6,291	41,600	41,600	561.3%	0.0%
E					
35010 OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	96,166			-100.0%	
51140 MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL	(1,889)			-100.0%	
Grand Total	7,185,647,928	7,053,938,467	7,330,207,420	2.0%	3.9%

All Funds

The all-funds table is a composite, by agency, of the preceding tables plus proprietary funds that are appropriated in HB 2. The legislative budget is \$272.8 million, or 1.7% higher than the executive request. The 2027 biennium budget is \$1,472.9 million or 9.8% higher than the 2025 biennium budget.

All Fund Types HB 2 Only	2025 Biennium Approp	2027 Biennium Gov Budget	2027 Biennium Legislative Budget	Legislative Budget Compared to 2025 Biennium Approp	Legislative Budget Compared to 2027 Biennium Gov Budget
Total Ongoing					
A					
11040 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH	50,987,687	58,072,273	59,096,494	15.9%	1.8%
11120 CONSUMER COUNSEL	3,171,914	3,700,260	3,400,260	7.2%	-8.1%
31010 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	15,137,543	62,544,429	16,256,655	7.4%	-74.0%
32020 COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES	1,749,025	1,905,401	1,905,401	8.9%	0.0%
34010 STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE	107,156,114	155,867,972	155,967,972	45.6%	0.1%
58010 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	759,937,434	790,526,129	790,971,544	4.1%	0.1%
61010 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	107,487,976	146,519,966	147,010,640	36.8%	0.3%
65010 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	71,936,270	77,565,873	77,992,447	8.4%	0.5%
66020 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY	180,760,155	199,679,961	203,846,835	12.8%	2.1%
67010 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS	114,202,807	125,490,199	125,845,011	10.2%	0.3%
B					
69010 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	7,056,959,856	6,938,107,054	7,130,101,865	1.0%	2.8%
C					
52010 DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS	254,757,895	291,874,029	290,624,557	14.1%	-0.4%
53010 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	131,369,134	144,387,476	144,387,474	9.9%	0.0%
54010 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	1,889,626,524	2,194,966,319	2,194,291,026	16.1%	0.0%
56030 DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK	31,293,375	35,037,825	34,435,061	10.0%	-1.7%
57060 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION	176,886,810	200,652,043	201,741,999	14.1%	0.5%
62010 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	41,763,396	44,668,340	44,568,824	6.7%	-0.2%
D					
21100 JUDICIAL BRANCH	119,595,859	137,325,412	134,579,261	12.5%	-2.0%
41100 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	291,718,316	326,417,151	321,376,323	10.2%	-1.5%
42010 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	10,638,706	12,189,869	12,465,734	17.2%	2.3%
61080 OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER	90,619,747	130,104,627	111,549,788	23.1%	-14.3%
64010 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	510,494,094	610,966,507	629,652,822	23.3%	3.1%
E					
35010 OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	2,309,350,372	2,710,412,560	2,691,448,796	16.5%	-0.7%
51010 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION	1,140,885	1,137,237	1,136,307	-0.4%	-0.1%
51020 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION	641,724,951	738,499,868	746,298,394	16.3%	1.1%
51130 SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF & BLIND	18,716,453	20,790,982	20,724,654	10.7%	-0.3%
51140 MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL	3,224,361	3,399,060	3,397,856	5.4%	0.0%
51150 MONTANA STATE LIBRARY	15,283,335	16,593,141	16,671,569	9.1%	0.5%
51170 MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	16,574,481	18,993,736	19,990,518	20.6%	5.2%
Total OTO					
A					
11040 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH	2,286,338	438,682	588,682	-74.3%	34.2%
11120 CONSUMER COUNSEL	297,068		300,000	1.0%	
31010 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	(135,890)		286,804	-311.1%	
32020 COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES	(3,288)		229,126	-7068.6%	
34010 STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE	2,791,642			-100.0%	
58010 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	(133,062)			-100.0%	
61010 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	166,907			-100.0%	
65010 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	(100,205)			-100.0%	
66020 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY	2,338,341	100,000	100,000	-95.7%	0.0%
67010 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS	(628,476)		300,000	-147.7%	
B					
69010 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	53,663,788	70,328,046	191,583,979	257.0%	172.4%
C					
52010 DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS	(210,474)	750,926	988,176	-569.5%	31.6%
53010 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	852,961		200,000	-76.6%	
54010 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	(6,252,866)	3,841,790	3,841,790	-161.4%	0.0%
56030 DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK	306,061	1,063,448	1,063,448	247.5%	0.0%
57060 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION	5,465,691	2,103,951	2,383,951	-56.4%	13.3%
62010 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	763,640	898,500	992,500	30.0%	10.5%
D					
21100 JUDICIAL BRANCH	2,056,501	400,000	400,000	-80.5%	0.0%
41100 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	6,376,643	12,019,346	7,040,000	10.4%	-41.4%
42010 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	46,073			-100.0%	
61080 OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER	2,492,606		8,602,800	245.1%	
64010 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	6,428,064		1,846,600	-71.3%	
E					
35010 OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	251,671	1,700,000	10,306,350	3995.2%	506.3%
51010 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION	(1,892)			-100.0%	
51020 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION	(12,272,130)	1,000,000	8,675,330	-170.7%	767.5%
51130 SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF & BLIND	(151,932)		122,000	-180.3%	
51140 MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL	(4,576)			-100.0%	
51150 MONTANA STATE LIBRARY	1,769,996			-100.0%	
51170 MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	315,358	50,000	1,650,000	423.2%	3200.0%
Grand Total	15,093,040,033	16,293,090,388	16,573,237,623	9.8%	1.7%

HB 2 Language Appropriations

Not included in HB 2 funding summary information is the impact of language within HB 2. A summary of the language appropriations adopted by the legislature follows:

- The legislature appropriated \$600,000 of state special revenue funds over the biennium to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. "During the 2027 biennium, up to \$600,000 from the loan loss reserve account of the private 9 loan program established in 85-1-603 is appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for the purchase of prior liens on property held as loan security as provided in 85-1-615"

HB 2 also contains several contingent language appropriations or appropriation modifications:

- Legislative Branch – Audit and Examination includes a one-time-only increase of general fund of \$132,165 in FY 2026 and \$132,165 in FY 2027 and decrease of state special revenue of \$132,165 in FY 2026 and \$132,165 in FY 2027 because of proposed changes in information technology audits included in LC 4208. If LC 4208 is not passed and approved, then the increase in general fund and the decrease in state special revenue in FY 2026 and FY 2027 is void
- Legislative Branch – Financial and Data Analysis includes contingent language appropriations of \$104,500 based on the potential federal expenditure or revenue changes
- Department of Revenue – Contingent language appropriations of approximately \$4.6 million general fund over the 2027 biennium based on passage and approval of HB 155, HB 154, and HB 231
- Department of Revenue – If HB 2 is passed and approved and contains (1) \$514,870 in FY 2026 and \$503,434 in FY 2027 and (2) 4.00 PB in FY 2026 and 4.00 PB in FY 2027 in the Cannabis Control Division of the Department of Revenue for the purpose of increased compliance resources regarding new marijuana licensees being accepted by the Department of Revenue and a bill is passed that extends the date that new marijuana licensees may be accepted by the Department of Revenue to July 1, 2027, or later pursuant to section 16-12-201, MCA, then: (1) state special revenue appropriations to the Cannabis Control Division of the Department of Revenue are decreased by \$514,870 in FY 2026 and \$503,434 in FY 2027; and (2) PB for the division are decreased by 4.00 in FY 2026 and FY 2027
- Department of Administration – State Financial Services Division's general fund is increased by \$175,756 and proprietary funds are decreased by the same amount contingent upon passage and approval of an act requiring the Board of Investments to operate as a fiduciary
- Department of Administration – State Information Technology Services Division general fund is reduced by \$500,000 if HB 722 is not passed and approved
- Department of Administration – If the Montana Lottery Division does not conduct a request for proposal to obtain its contract for gambling services the division's proprietary authority will be reduced by \$500,000 in both fiscal years of the 2027 biennium
- Department of Commerce – If [an act] is not passed and approved that authorizes the accommodations tax state special revenue fund to be used for the capital improvements projects, then the capital improvements is void
- Department of Labor and Industry – If HB 2 and HB 656 are not both passed and approved, then appropriations to the Employment Standards Division of the Department of Labor and Industry in HB 2 are to change as follows: general fund appropriations to increase \$1,859,421 in FY 2026 and increase \$1,859,421 in FY 2027, state special revenue appropriations to decrease

\$1,859,421 in FY 2026 and decrease \$1,859,421 in FY 2027

- Department of Labor and Industry – If HB 2 and HB 656 are not both passed and approved, then state special revenue appropriations in HB 2 for the Office of Community Services within the Department of Labor and Industry are to decrease \$295,000 in FY 2026 and \$295,000 FY 2027
- Department of Labor and Industry – If HB 2 and HB 252 are not both passed and approved, then the appropriations for Career and Technical Education – HB 252 within the Workforce Services Division are void
- Department of Military Affairs – If LC 4259 is passed and approved and contains language for an exception in carryforward authority for this purpose, then any amount of the general fund appropriations for Contracted Services within the Army National Guard Program, \$418,337 in FY 2026 and \$439,253 in FY 2027, that is unexpended at the close of each corresponding fiscal year must revert back to the general fund
- Department of Public Health and Human Services – The line-item BHSFG 22. Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (Restricted/Biennial/OTO) is void if a bill containing provisions for the implementation of the certified community behavioral health clinic (CCBHC) model is not passed and approved.
- Department of Public Health and Human Services – The line-item Montana State Hospital Beds (OTO) is contingent on passage of a bill that permits the use of state special revenue funds as provided in section 50-1-119, MCA, for expenditures for operating the Montana State Hospital.
- Department of Public Health and Human Services – The line-item Tobacco Use Prevention Program Contingent Funding (OTO) is void in any fiscal year during which the Department of Public Health and Human Services receives federal tobacco control program funding.
- Department of Environmental Quality – If HB 58 is not passed and approved, HB 2 state special revenue in the Air, Energy, and Mining Division is reduced by \$500,000 in FY 2026 and \$500,000 in FY 2027
- Department of Environmental Quality – If HB 69 is not passed and approved, HB 2 state special revenue in the Air, Energy, and Mining Division is reduced by \$200,000 in FY 2026 and \$200,000 in FY 2027
- Department of Natural Resources and Conservation – If LC 2159 is not passed and approved, state special revenue in the Water Resources Division is reduced by \$1,000,000 in FY 2026 and \$1,000,000 in FY 2027
- Montana Highway Patrol – If HB 85 is not passed and approved, the Montana Highway Patrol is increased by \$2,000,000 general fund in FY 2026 and \$2,000,000 general fund in FY 2027
- Montana Highway Patrol – If SB 324 is not passed and approved, the Montana Highway Patrol is decreased by \$2,899,965 state special revenue in FY 2026 and FY 2027 and is increased by \$2,299,965 general fund in FY 2026 and FY 2027
- Montana Board of Crime Control – If SB 324 is not passed and approved, the Montana Board of Crime Control is decreased by \$2,000,000 state special revenue in FY 2026 and FY 2027 and is increased by \$2,000,000 general fund in FY 2026 and FY 2027
- Office of Public Instruction – If HB 18 is not passed and approved, K-12 BASE Aid is increased by \$11,116,000 general fund in FY 2026 and \$10,393,000 general fund in FY 2027 and decreased

by \$11,116,000 state special revenue in FY 2026 and \$10,393,000 state special revenue in FY 2027

- Office of Public Instruction – If HB 231 is not passed and approved, K-12 BASE Aid is decreased by \$20,696,590 general fund in FY 2026 and \$20,696,590 general fund in FY 2027 and increased by \$20,696,590 state special revenue in FY 2026 and \$20,696,590 state special revenue in FY 2027
- Office of Public Instruction – If HB 252 is not passed and approved, K-12 BASE Aid is decreased by \$50,463,190 general fund in FY 2026 and \$52,052,480 general fund in FY 2027
- Office of Public Instruction – If HB 515 is not passed and approved, Major Maintenance Aid is increased by \$3,175,000 general fund in FY 2026 and \$3,287,000 general fund in FY 2027 and decreased by \$3,175,000 state special revenue in FY 2026 and \$3,287,000 state special revenue in FY 2027
- Office of Public Instruction – If SB 322 is not passed and approved, K-12 BASE Aid is decreased by \$1,050,000 general fund in FY 2026 and \$1,512,000 general fund in FY 2027 and increased by \$1,050,000 state special revenue in FY 2026 and \$1,512,000 state special revenue in FY 2027
- Office of Public Instruction – If LC 958 is not passed and approved, Database Modernization is decreased by \$1,000,000 state special revenue in FY 2026 and \$1,000,000 state special revenue in FY 2027 and increased by \$1,000,000 general fund in FY 2026 and \$1,000,000 general fund in FY 2027
- Montana Historical Society – Montana Historical Society appropriation is decreased by \$96,296 state special revenue in FY 2026 and \$93,497 state special revenue in FY 2027 and the Montana Historical Society's Administration Program PB is decreased by 1.00 in FY 2026 and by 1.00 in FY 2027 if HB 10 is not passed and approved with an appropriation for the Museum Systems Operation and Management project