

HOUSE BILL 755

Introduced by Schye, et al.

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2/11	Referred to Appropriations
2/12	First Reading
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1 House BILL NO. 755  
 2 INTRODUCED BY Deloye, Beahm, Cook, Roney  
 3 Bradley, P. Beck, Brantner, Wadsworth, Baumgardner, J.  
 4 Dillard, Menchen  
 5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY  
 6 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY TO SUPPORT  
 7 THE STAFF AND OPERATIONS FOR THE EXPANDED FACILITIES OF THE  
 8 MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES."

9 WHEREAS, the Museum of the Rockies has been operating  
 10 with a combination of public and private support since 1977;  
 11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Museum of the Rockies received planning  
 13 money from the Legislature in 1981 and construction  
 14 authority for a new addition in 1985; and

15 WHEREAS, the Museum of the Rockies has completed the new  
 16 addition that tripled the museum's size; and

17 WHEREAS, 25,000 public school children and 1,200  
 18 teachers throughout Montana, as well as students enrolled in  
 19 Montana's public and private colleges and universities, will  
 20 benefit from the many and varied educational programs  
 21 offered by the museum; and

22 WHEREAS, this exciting new facility will attract up to  
 23 250,000 people a year and provide a significant boost to the  
 24 state's tourism effort and economy; and

25 WHEREAS, the museum has fulfilled its commitment to

1 pursue private funds for both the construction and operation  
 2 of the addition by raising over \$6 million.

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 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

5 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** (1) There is  
 6 appropriated to Montana state university from the general  
 7 fund \$439,706 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1991,  
 8 and \$463,055 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1992, to  
 9 support the staff and operations for the facilities of the  
 10 museum of the Rockies.

11 (2) It is the intent of the legislature that the level  
 12 of funding authorized in [this act] be incorporated as a  
 13 part of the budget base at Montana state university,  
 14 beginning with fiscal year 1992.

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