## HOUSE BILL 916

## Introduced by Thomas

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2	INTRODUCED	BY	Liona	± 10			
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4	A BILL FOR	AN ACT	ENTITLED:	"AN ACT	то	APPROPRIATE	FUNDS

FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN THE ELKHORN/COOLIDGE
HISTORIC DISTRICT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PRESERVATION OF THE
AREA AS A HISTORIC SITE."

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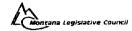
WHEREAS, the Elkhorn/Coolidge historic district, located on the west side of the Pioneer Mountains in Beaverhead County, is an area rich in precious minerals and in the history of man's attempt to find and extract those minerals; and

WHEREAS, mining and development of the Elkhorn lode and the nearby Coolidge townsite represent a significant example of one of the few large-scale mining projects in Montana designed solely for silver production during the early part of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, the essential historic appearance and basic characteristics of the Elkhorn mine and mill sites and the town of Coolidge are still intact and, if preserved and maintained, will remain as a site of historic significance to the people and the State of Montana.

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



NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the income of the trust fund established in 15-35-108(3)(e) for cultural and aesthetic projects \$120,000 to the Montana arts council for the purchase of property in the Elkhorn/Coolidge historic district, located on the west side of the Pioneer Mountains in Beaverhead County and consisting of the Elkhorn mine and mill sites and the town of Coolidge, to facilitate preservation of the area as a historic site.

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