

1 *House* BILL NO. *756*  
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 6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY  
 7 FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH,  
 8 WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA FOR  
 9 ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT AND HIRING OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND  
 10 SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA  
 11 BIOLOGICAL STATION AT YELLOW BAY ON FLATHEAD LAKE."

12 WHEREAS, the University of Montana Biological Station,  
 13 located at Yellow Bay on Flathead Lake, is one of the  
 14 nation's leading research and teaching facilities for the  
 15 study of freshwater ecology; and

16 WHEREAS, research at the biological station has yielded  
 17 major scientific advancements in freshwater ecology and  
 18 important practical findings vital to maintaining the high  
 19 quality and economic value of Flathead Lake and other  
 20 Montana waters; and

21 WHEREAS, during the current biennium, the biological  
 22 station kept its promise to the Legislature and generated \$6  
 23 from grants, contracts, and other outside sources for each  
 24 dollar of state support; and

25 WHEREAS, the land and facilities at Yellow Bay are  
 valued at more than \$50 million (90% of which value was

1 obtained without state funding) and cannot be fully used  
 2 without continued additional state funding; and

3 WHEREAS, the biological station faces a critical need  
 4 for full-time administrative personnel to oversee grants and  
 5 contracts and for scientific personnel to operate the  
 6 facility, to maintain its high standards of research and  
 7 community service, and to attract grant income to Montana;  
 8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents rejected a request for  
 10 program modification, which if accepted would have made this  
 11 appropriation unnecessary.

12 THEREFORE, the Legislature appropriates needed funds so  
 13 that the University of Montana Biological Station may  
 14 operate existing facilities at a reasonable level, conduct  
 15 priority fisheries research, and thus continue to attract  
 16 new funds and national scientific recognition for the State  
 17 of Montana.

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

20 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** There is  
 21 appropriated to the university of Montana for the university  
 22 of Montana biological station at Yellow Bay on Flathead Lake  
 23 \$100,000 from the general fund and \$50,000 from the  
 24 department of fish, wildlife, and parks for the biennium  
 25 ending June 30, 1991. The department of fish, wildlife, and

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1 parks is appropriated \$25,000 in fiscal year 1990 and  
2 \$25,000 in fiscal year 1991 of state special revenue from  
3 the account established by 87-1-601 to contract for  
4 fisheries research, as determined by the department, with  
5 the university of Montana biological station at Yellow Bay  
6 on Flathead Lake.

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