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D. JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE											
JUDICIAL BRANCH (21100)											
1.	Supreme Court Operations (01)										
	23,429,206	781,321	378,800	0	0	24,589,327	24,001,602	781,160	378,800	0	25,161,562
a.	Legislative Audit (Restricted/Biennial)										
	59,400	0	0	0	0	59,400	0	0	0	0	0
2.	Law Library (03)										
	989,880	0	0	0	0	989,880	989,919	0	0	0	989,919
3.	District Court Operations (04)										
	36,906,832	754,716	0	0	0	37,661,548	37,343,334	754,716	0	0	38,098,050
4.	Water Court (05)										
	1,159,465	1,683,546	0	0	0	2,843,011	1,161,359	1,747,319	0	0	2,908,678
a.	Water Court Digitization (Biennial/OTO)										
	0	400,000	0	0	0	400,000	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Clerk of Court (06)										
	611,550	0	0	0	0	611,550	613,969	0	0	0	613,969

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1	Total											
2	63,156,333	3,619,583	378,800	0	0	67,154,716	64,110,183	3,283,195	378,800	0	0	67,772,178
3	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (41100)											
4	1. Legal Services Division (01)											
5	8,044,497	1,165,506	229,485	0	0	9,439,488	8,043,390	1,165,506	229,485	0	0	9,438,381
6	a. NRDP New Claims Authority (Restricted/Biennial/OTO)											
7	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000
8	2. Montana Highway Patrol (03)											
9	5,635,673	48,936,763	0	0	0	54,572,436	6,935,673	47,724,909	0	0	0	54,660,582
10	4,220,099						5,520,099					
11	REQUESTED BY: Representative Bill Mercer PREPARED BY: Walker Hopkins											
12	EXPLANATION: This amendment reduces general fund authority for the Montana highway patrol officer salary survey by \$1,415,574 each fiscal. The reduced amounts reflect a salary of 8.5% compared to 14.0% currently.											
13	a. Statewide Radio Loan Payoff (OTO)											
14	0	10,769,346	0	0	0	10,769,346	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	3. Division of Criminal Investigation (05)											
16	11,864,592	5,189,755	1,120,910	0	0	18,175,257	11,917,997	5,194,811	1,120,910	0	0	18,233,718
17	a. Funding Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force (OTO)											
18	0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000	0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000

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1	4.	Gambling Control Division (07)											
2		0	2,945,412	0	1,513,970	0	4,459,382	0	2,952,850	0	1,513,970	0	4,466,820
3	5.	Forensic Science Division (08)											
4		6,676,233	1,889,775	0	0	0	8,566,008	6,696,056	1,889,775	0	0	0	8,585,831
5	a.	Provide Authority to Hire a Medical Examiner (Restricted/Biennial)											
6		120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000
7	6.	Motor Vehicle Division (09)											
8		5,882,243	19,331,191	0	554,208	0	25,767,642	5,895,425	19,335,729	0	554,208	0	25,785,362
9	7.	Central Services Division (10)											
10		9,403,302	6,990,329	3,664	64,719	0	16,462,014	9,377,914	6,986,547	3,664	64,719	0	16,432,844
11	a.	Legislative Audit (Restricted/Biennial)											
12		98,406	0	0	0	0	98,406	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	8.	Post Council (19)											
14		0	622,897	0	0	0	622,897	0	622,897	0	0	0	622,897
15	9.	Montana Law Enforcement Academy (20)											
16		150,000	2,353,245	0	0	0	2,503,245	150,000	2,354,421	0	0	0	2,504,421
17	10.	Board of Crime Control (21)											
18		4,105,194	653,960	14,208,541	0	0	18,967,695	4,102,171	653,960	14,208,541	0	0	18,964,672

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1												
2	Total											
3	52,480,140	100,868,179	15,562,600	2,132,897	0	171,043,816	53,738,626	88,901,405	15,562,600	2,132,897	0	160,335,528
4	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (42010)											
5	1. Public Service Regulation Program (01)											
6	0	5,636,443	273,760	0	0	5,910,203	0	5,629,221	273,760	0	0	5,902,981
7	a. IRP Contract (OTO)											
8	0	200,000	0	0	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	b. Legislative Audit (Restricted/Biennial)											
10	0	44,550	0	0	0	44,550	0	0	0	0	0	0
11												
12	Total											
13	0	5,880,993	273,760	0	0	6,154,753	0	5,629,221	273,760	0	0	5,902,981
14	OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER (61080)											
15	1. Public Defender Division (01)											
16	26,998,354	0	0	0	0	26,998,354	27,152,519	0	0	0	0	27,152,519
17	2. Appellate Defender Division (02)											
18	2,356,785	0	0	0	0	2,356,785	2,376,179	0	0	0	0	2,376,179

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1	3.	Conflict Defender Division (03)											
2		3,855,478	0	0	0	0	3,855,478	3,869,997	0	0	0	0	3,869,997
3	4.	Central Services Division (04)											
4		18,367,574	0	0	0	0	18,367,574	18,685,197	0	0	0	0	18,685,197
5	a.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - Agency Training Events (OTO)											
6		150,000	0	0	0	0	150,000	150,000	0	0	0	0	150,000
7	b.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - Client Communication/Access Tech (OTO)											
8		75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000
9	c.	Close Public Defender Shortfall (Restricted)											
10		508,319	0	0	0	0	508,319	1,024,214	0	0	0	0	1,024,214
11	d.	Sustain Existing Public Defender Services - Contracted Public Defender Rates (Restricted)											
12		3,177,586	0	0	0	0	3,177,586	3,177,586	0	0	0	0	3,177,586
13	e.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - AI/Data/Tech (Restricted/OTO)											
14		200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000
15	f.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - AI/Tech License (Restricted/OTO)											
16		500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000
17	g.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - Computer Purchase (Restricted/OTO)											
18		171,600	0	0	0	0	171,600	31,200	0	0	0	0	31,200

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1	h.	Sustain Existing Public Defender Services - Contract Services Overage (Restricted/OTO)										
2	3,275,000	0	0	0	0	3,275,000	3,275,000	0	0	0	0	3,275,000
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4	Total											
5	59,635,696	0	0	0	0	59,635,696	60,516,892	0	0	0	0	60,516,892
6	All appropriations in the Office of State Public Defender are biennial.											
7	It is the intent of the Legislature that all management personnel who are members of the Montana Bar, except for the director, division administrators, and regional public defenders, perform at least 25% of the											
8	average caseload of line attorneys.											
9	DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (64010)											
10	1.	Director's Office and Central Services Division (01)										
11	22,452,464	471,210	0	130,997	0	23,054,671	22,460,052	472,053	0	128,834	0	23,060,939
12	2.	Public Safety Division (02)										
13	143,725,424	1,868,963	0	0	0	145,594,387	143,948,032	1,868,963	0	0	0	145,816,995
14	a.	Assistance for Youth Population (Restricted)										
15	1,352,500	0	0	0	0	1,352,500	1,352,500	0	0	0	0	1,352,500
16	b.	Increase County Jail Hold (Restricted)										
17	3,082,644	0	0	0	0	3,082,644	3,144,297	0	0	0	0	3,144,297
18	c.	Increase for Prevailing Wages at Crossroads (Restricted)										

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1		528,485	0	0	0	0	528,485	1,056,970	0	0	0	0	1,056,970
2	d.	K-9 Program (Restricted)											
3		119,700	0	0	0	0	119,700	111,950	0	0	0	0	111,950
4	e.	Leased Vehicle Funding - Existing (Restricted)											
5		82,325	0	0	0	0	82,325	82,325	0	0	0	0	82,325
6	f.	Leased Vehicle Funding - New (Restricted)											
7		101,838	0	0	0	0	101,838	101,838	0	0	0	0	101,838
8	g.	Public Safety Security Equipment and Licenses (Restricted)											
9		1,650,000	0	0	0	0	1,650,000	800,000	0	0	0	0	800,000
10	h.	Secure Facility Equipment (Restricted)											
11		461,000	0	0	0	0	461,000	461,000	0	0	0	0	461,000
12	i.	Secure Facility Rate Increases (Restricted)											
13		920,647	0	0	0	0	920,647	1,860,373	0	0	0	0	1,860,373
14	j.	Vehicle Replacement (Restricted)											
15		334,000	0	0	0	0	334,000	334,000	0	0	0	0	334,000
16	3.	Rehabilitation and Programs Division (03)											
17		118,915,832	4,760,709	0	0	0	123,676,541	119,850,027	4,760,863	0	0	0	124,610,890
18	a.	2.0% Rate Adjustment for Prerelease Centers (OTO)											

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1	608,043	0	0	0	0	608,043	1,238,557	0	0	0	0	1,238,557
2	b.	Parenting Program (Restricted)										
3	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000
4	c.	Respond to Increased Medical/Pharmacy Needs (Restricted)										
5	432,282	0	0	0	0	432,282	417,282	0	0	0	0	417,282
6	4.	Board of Pardons and Parole (04)										
7	1,358,296	0	0	0	0	1,358,296	1,361,610	0	0	0	0	1,361,610
8	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9	Total											
10	296,245,480	7,100,882	0	130,997	0	303,477,359	298,700,813	7,101,879	0	128,834	0	305,931,526
11	All appropriations for the Director's Office and Central Services Division are biennial.											
12	It is the intent of the Legislature that authority in K-9 Program (Restricted) be utilized to hire a position at the Montana State Prison.											
13	It is the intent of the Legislature that authority in Increase for Prevailing Wages at Crossroads (Restricted) not affect the per diem rate paid to house inmates at Crossroads Correctional Center but instead be used											
14	to increase employee pay to cover prevailing wages.											
15	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
16	TOTAL SECTION D											
17	471,517,649	117,469,637	16,215,160	2,263,894	0	607,466,340	477,066,514	104,915,700	16,215,160	2,261,731	0	600,459,105