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D. JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE											
JUDICIAL BRANCH (21100)											
1.	Supreme Court Operations (01)										
	23,454,690	781,200	378,800	0	0	24,614,690	24,028,566	781,200	378,800	0	25,188,566
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	63,181,817	3,619,462	378,800	0	0	67,180,079	64,137,147	3,283,235	378,800	0	0	67,799,182
3	On the hiring of two additional judges in Yellowstone County, it is the intent of the Legislature that district court judges in the 13th judicial district develop specialized court dockets.											
4	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (41100)											
5	1. Legal Services Division (01)											
6	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
7	a. Litigation Funding (Restricted/Biennial)											
8	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000
9	b. NRDP New Claims Authority (Restricted/Biennial/OTO)											
10	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000
11	2. Montana Highway Patrol (03)											
12	744,596	51,836,728-	0	0	0	52,581,324	744,596	51,924,874-	0	0	0	52,669,470
13		52,235,378						52,323,524				
14	a. Statewide Radio Loan Payoff (OTO)											
15	0	6,000,000	0	0	0	6,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	3. Division of Criminal Investigation (05)											
17	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
18	a. Funding Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force (OTO)											

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1		0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000	0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000
2	4.	Gambling Control Division (07)											
3		0	2,945,412	0	1,513,970	0	4,459,382	0	2,952,850	0	1,513,970	0	4,466,820
4	5.	Forensic Science Division (08)											
5		6,676,233	1,889,775	0	0	0	8,566,008	6,696,056	1,889,775	0	0	0	8,585,831
6	a.	Provide Authority to Hire a Medical Examiner (Restricted/Biennial)											
7		120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000
8	6.	Motor Vehicle Division (09)											
9		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
10	7.	Central Services Division (10)											
11		9,424,776	7,019,824	3,664	64,719	0	16,512,983	9,399,194	7,019,824	3,664	64,719	0	16,487,401
12	a.	Legislative Audit (Restricted/Biennial)											
13		98,406	0	0	0	0	98,406	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	8.	Post Council (19)											
15		0	622,897	0	0	0	622,897	0	622,897	0	0	0	622,897
16	9.	Montana Law Enforcement Academy (20)											
17		150,000	2,353,245	0	0	0	2,503,245	150,000	2,354,421	0	0	0	2,504,421
18	10.	Board of Crime Control (21)											

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1	2,110,239	2,653,960	14,208,541	0	0	18,972,740	2,107,253	2,653,960	14,208,541	0	0	18,969,754	
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3	Total												
4	46,615,582	101,028,293	15,562,600	2,132,897	0	165,339,372	46,573,911	95,134,647	15,562,600	2,132,897	0	159,404,055	
5	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.												
6	If SB 324 is not passed and approved, the Montana Highway Patrol is decreased by \$3,289,615 \$2,899,965 state special revenue in FY 2026 and FY 2027 and is increased by \$2,698,615 \$2,299,965 general fund in												
7	FY 2026 and FY 2027. Additionally, 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												
8	general fund in FY 2026 and FY 2027.												
9	<u>REQUESTED BY: Representative Fiona Nave</u> <u>PREPARED BY: Walker Hopkins</u>												
10	<u>EXPLANATION: This amendment increases the amount provided for Montana Highway Patrol salary increases by \$398,650 each fiscal year and changes amounts within language that coordinates these initiatives with</u>												
11	<u>SB 324. This increase results from position level calculations intended to cover a base officer salary of \$73,230. This increase corresponds to a weighted average increase of approximately 10.54%.</u>												
12	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (42010)												
13	1.	Public Service Regulation Program (01)											
14		0	5,636,443	273,760	0	0	5,910,203	0	5,629,221	273,760	0	0	5,902,981
15	a.	IRP Contract (OTO)											
16		0	200,000	0	0	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	b.	Legislative Audit (Restricted/Biennial)											
18		0	44,550	0	0	0	44,550	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1	Total											
2	0	5,880,993	273,760	0	0	6,154,753	0	5,629,221	273,760	0	0	5,902,981
3	OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER (61080)											
4	1.	Public Defender Division (01)										
5	26,998,354	0	0	0	0	26,998,354	27,152,519	0	0	0	0	27,152,519
6	2.	Appellate Defender Division (02)										
7	2,356,785	0	0	0	0	2,356,785	2,376,179	0	0	0	0	2,376,179
8	3.	Conflict Defender Division (03)										
9	3,855,478	0	0	0	0	3,855,478	3,869,997	0	0	0	0	3,869,997
10	4.	Central Services Division (04)										
11	18,367,574	0	0	0	0	18,367,574	18,685,197	0	0	0	0	18,685,197
12	a.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - Agency Training Events (OTO)										
13	150,000	0	0	0	0	150,000	150,000	0	0	0	0	150,000
14	b.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - Client Communication/Access Tech (OTO)										
15	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000
16	c.	Close Public Defender Shortfall (Restricted)										
17	508,319	0	0	0	0	508,319	1,024,214	0	0	0	0	1,024,214
18	d.	Sustain Existing Public Defender Services - Contracted Public Defender Rates (Restricted)										

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1	3,177,586	0	0	0	0	3,177,586	3,177,586	0	0	0	0	3,177,586
2	e.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - AI/Data/Tech (Restricted/OTO)										
3	200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000
4	f.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - AI/Tech License (Restricted/OTO)										
5	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000
6	g.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - Computer Purchase (Restricted/OTO)										
7	171,600	0	0	0	0	171,600	31,200	0	0	0	0	31,200
8	h.	Sustain Existing Public Defender Services - Contract Services Overage (Restricted/OTO)										
9	3,275,000	0	0	0	0	3,275,000	3,275,000	0	0	0	0	3,275,000
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11	Total											
12	59,635,696	0	0	0	0	59,635,696	60,516,892	0	0	0	0	60,516,892
13	All appropriations in the Office of State Public Defender are biennial.											
14	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											
15	average caseload of line attorneys.											
16	DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (64010)											
17	1.	Director's Office and Central Services Division (01)										
18	22,472,449	471,253	0	133,046	0	23,076,748	22,481,288	472,100	0	131,060	0	23,084,448

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1	2.	Public Safety Division (02)											
2		155,525,424	1,868,963	0	0	0	157,394,387	156,048,032	1,868,963	0	0	0	157,916,995
3	a.	Assistance for Youth Population (Restricted)											
4		77,500	0	0	0	0	77,500	77,500	0	0	0	0	77,500
5	b.	Increase County Jail Hold (Restricted)											
6		3,082,644	0	0	0	0	3,082,644	3,144,297	0	0	0	0	3,144,297
7	c.	Increase for Prevailing Wages at Crossroads (Restricted)											
8		528,485	0	0	0	0	528,485	1,056,970	0	0	0	0	1,056,970
9	d.	K-9 Program (Restricted)											
10		478,801	0	0	0	0	478,801	447,800	0	0	0	0	447,800
11	e.	Leased Vehicle Funding - Existing (Restricted)											
12		82,325	0	0	0	0	82,325	82,325	0	0	0	0	82,325
13	f.	Leased Vehicle Funding - New (Restricted)											
14		101,838	0	0	0	0	101,838	101,838	0	0	0	0	101,838
15	g.	Public Safety Security Equipment and Licenses (Restricted)											
16		1,650,000	0	0	0	0	1,650,000	800,000	0	0	0	0	800,000
17	h.	Secure Facility Equipment (Restricted)											
18		461,000	0	0	0	0	461,000	461,000	0	0	0	0	461,000

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1	i.	Secure Facility Rate Increases (Restricted)										
2	920,647	0	0	0	0	920,647	1,860,373	0	0	0	0	1,860,373
3	j.	Vehicle Replacement (Restricted)										
4	334,000	0	0	0	0	334,000	334,000	0	0	0	0	334,000
5	3.	Rehabilitation and Programs Division (03)										
6	118,915,832	4,760,709	0	0	0	123,676,541	119,850,027	4,760,863	0	0	0	124,610,890
7	a.	2.0% Rate Adjustment for Prerelease Centers (OTO)										
8	608,043	0	0	0	0	608,043	1,238,557	0	0	0	0	1,238,557
9	b.	Parenting Program (Restricted)										
10	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000
11	c.	Respond to Increased Medical/Pharmacy Needs (Restricted)										
12	432,282	0	0	0	0	432,282	417,282	0	0	0	0	417,282
13	4.	Board of Pardons and Parole (04)										
14	1,358,296	0	0	0	0	1,358,296	1,361,610	0	0	0	0	1,361,610
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16	Total											
17	307,149,566	7,100,925	0	133,046	0	314,383,537	309,882,899	7,101,926	0	131,060	0	317,115,885
18	All appropriations for the Director's Office/Central Services Division, Public Safety Division, and Rehabilitation and Programs Division are biennial.											

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2	TOTAL SECTION D											
3	476,582,661	117,629,673	16,215,160	2,265,943	0	612,693,437	481,110,849	111,149,029	16,215,160	2,263,957	0	610,738,995