

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

INTRODUCED BY L. BREWSTER

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE DISASTER RESILIENCY FUND; REVISING THE AMOUNT OF THE STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; REQUIRING MATCHING FUNDS FOR COOPERATIVES WITH MORE THAN 10,000 MEMBERS; ELIMINATING THE TERMINATION DATE OF THE FUND; PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF FUNDS; AMENDING SECTION 17-7-133, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 24, CHAPTER 722, LAWS OF 2023; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 17-7-133, MCA, is amended to read:

"17-7-133. (Temporary) Montana local disaster resiliency fund. (1) There is statutorily appropriated pursuant to 17-7-502 \$4 up to \$15 million per a year beginning in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 2025, from the general Montana local disaster resiliency fund to the department of military affairs.

(2) Eligible uses of the money are:

(a) state and local mitigation projects that reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from future natural disasters;

(b) ~~the nonfederal cost share for personnel and contracted resources~~ performing mitigation program management; and

(c) ~~matching funds for grants for the purchase of hazardous material equipment and training to increase local capacity to respond to incidents as defined in 10-3-1203 involving hazardous material training and administrative resources.~~

(3) (a) A cooperative with more than 10,000 members that is seeking funding for a mitigation project from this fund shall provide 25% of the total project funds.

(b) For the purposes of this subsection (3), "cooperative" has the same meaning as provided in 35-18-102.

Amendment - 1st Reading-white - Requested by: John Fitzpatrick - (H) Appropriations

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Drafter: Julie Johnson,

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1 ~~(3)(4)~~ The appropriation is void in any year that there is a projected general fund budget deficit
2 pursuant to 17-7-140. ~~(Terminates June 30, 2027—sec. 24, Ch. 722, L. 2023.)"~~

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4 **Section 2.** Section 24, Chapter 722, Laws of 2023, is amended to read:

5 **"Section 24. Termination.** ~~(1)~~ [Section 1] terminates June 30, 2025.

6 ~~(2) [Sections 6 and 7(3)] terminate June 30, 2027."~~

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8 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Transfer of funds.** (1) By June 30, 2025, the state treasurer shall
9 transfer \$50 million from the general fund to the local disaster resiliency fund provided for in 17-7-133, MCA.

10 (2) During the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the state treasurer shall transfer \$50 million from
11 the general fund to the local disaster resiliency fund provided for in 17-7-133, MCA.

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13 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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