

Fiscal 2026						Fiscal 2027					
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<b>D. JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE</b>											
<b>JUDICIAL BRANCH (21100)</b>											
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)										
	<del>36,906,832</del>	754,716	0	0	0	37,661,548	<del>37,343,334</del>	754,716	0	0	38,098,050
	<u>37,312,596</u>						<u>37,937,376</u>				
REQUESTED BY: Senator Janet Ellis      DRAFTED BY: Barb Wagner											
EXPLANATION: This amendment adds \$405,765 general fund in FY 2026 and \$594,042 general fund in FY 2027 to provide one additional district court judge and accompanying staff in Yellowstone County and one floating law clerk position in Missoula County.											
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

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1	5.	Clerk of Court (06)											
2		611,550	0	0	0	0	611,550	613,969	0	0	0	0	613,969
3													
4	Total												
5		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
6	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.												
7	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (41100)												
8	1.	Legal Services Division (01)											
9		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
10	a.	Litigation Funding (Restricted/Biennial)											
11		1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000
12	b.	NRDP New Claims Authority (Restricted/Biennial/OTO)											
13		500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000
14	2.	Montana Highway Patrol (03)											
15		744,596	51,836,728	0	0	0	52,581,324	744,596	51,924,874	0	0	0	52,669,470
16		2,032,394	52,235,378				54,267,772	2,032,394	52,323,524				54,355,918
17	a.	Statewide Radio Loan Payoff (OTO)											
18		0	6,000,000	0	0	0	6,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0

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1	3.	Division of Criminal Investigation (05)											
2		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
3	a.	Funding Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force (OTO)											
4		0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000	0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000
5	4.	Gambling Control Division (07)											
6		0	2,945,412	0	1,513,970	0	4,459,382	0	2,952,850	0	1,513,970	0	4,466,820
7	5.	Forensic Science Division (08)											
8		6,676,233	1,889,775	0	0	0	8,566,008	6,696,056	1,889,775	0	0	0	8,585,831
9	a.	Provide Authority to Hire a Medical Examiner (Restricted/Biennial)											
10		120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000
11	6.	Motor Vehicle Division (09)											
12		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
13	7.	Central Services Division (10)											
14		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
15	a.	Legislative Audit (Restricted/Biennial)											
16		98,406	0	0	0	0	98,406	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	8.	Post Council (19)											
18		0	622,897	0	0	0	622,897	0	622,897	0	0	0	622,897

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1	9.	Montana Law Enforcement Academy (20)											
2		150,000	2,353,245	0	0	0	2,503,245	150,000	2,354,421	0	0	0	2,504,421
3	10.	Board of Crime Control (21)											
4		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
5								<u>2,407,253</u>					<u>19,269,754</u>
6													
7	Total												
8		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
9		<u>47,903,380</u>	<u>101,426,943</u>				<u>167,025,820</u>	<u>47,861,709</u>	<u>95,533,297</u>				<u>161,090,503</u>
10								<u>48,161,709</u>					<u>161,390,503</u>
11	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.												
12	If SB 324 is not passed and approved, the Montana Highway Patrol is decreased by <del>\$3,298,615</del> <del>\$2,899,965</del> state special revenue in FY 2026 and FY 2027 and is increased by <del>\$2,698,615</del> <del>\$2,299,965</del> general fund												
13	in 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												
14	general fund in FY 2026 and FY 2027.												
15	<b>PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (42010)</b>												
16	1.	Public Service Regulation Program (01)											
17		0	5,636,443	273,760	0	0	5,910,203	0	5,629,221	273,760	0	0	5,902,981
18			<u>5,840,443</u>				<u>6,114,203</u>		<u>5,833,221</u>				<u>6,106,981</u>
19	a.	IRP Contract (OTO)											

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1	0	200,000	0	0	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	b.	Legislative Audit (Restricted/Biennial)										
3	0	44,550	0	0	0	44,550	0	0	0	0	0	0
4												
5	Total											
6	0	5,880,993	273,760	0	0	6,154,753	0	5,629,221	273,760	0	0	5,902,981
7		6,084,993				6,358,753		5,833,221				6,106,981
8	OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER (61080)											
9	1.	Public Defender Division (01)										
10		26,998,354	0	0	0	26,998,354	27,152,519	0	0	0	0	27,152,519
11	2.	Appellate Defender Division (02)										
12		2,356,785	0	0	0	2,356,785	2,376,179	0	0	0	0	2,376,179
13	3.	Conflict Defender Division (03)										
14		3,855,478	0	0	0	3,855,478	3,869,997	0	0	0	0	3,869,997
15	4.	Central Services Division (04)										
16		18,367,574	0	0	0	18,367,574	18,685,197	0	0	0	0	18,685,197
17	a.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - Agency Training Events (OTO)										
18		150,000	0	0	0	150,000	150,000	0	0	0	0	150,000

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1	b.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - Client Communication/Access Tech (OTO)										
2	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000
3	c.	Close Public Defender Shortfall (Restricted)										
4	508,319	0	0	0	0	508,319	1,024,214	0	0	0	0	1,024,214
5	d.	Sustain Existing Public Defender Services - Contracted Public Defender Rates (Restricted)										
6	3,177,586	0	0	0	0	3,177,586	3,177,586	0	0	0	0	3,177,586
7	e.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - AI/Data/Tech (Restricted/OTO)										
8	200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000
9	f.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - AI/Tech License (Restricted/OTO)										
10	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000
11	g.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - Computer Purchase (Restricted/OTO)										
12	171,600	0	0	0	0	171,600	31,200	0	0	0	0	31,200
13	h.	Sustain Existing Public Defender Services - Contract Services Overage (Restricted/OTO)										
14	3,275,000	0	0	0	0	3,275,000	3,275,000	0	0	0	0	3,275,000
15												
16	Total											
17	59,635,696	0	0	0	0	59,635,696	60,516,892	0	0	0	0	60,516,892
18	All appropriations in the Office of State Public Defender are biennial.											

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<p>1 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</p> <p>2 average caseload of line attorneys.</p> <p>3 <b>DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (64010)</b></p> <p>4 1. Director's Office and Central Services Division (01)</p> <p>5 22,472,449 471,253 0 133,046 0 23,076,748 22,481,288 472,100 0 131,060 0 23,084,448</p> <p>6 2. Public Safety Division (02)</p> <p>7 155,525,424 1,868,963 0 0 0 157,394,387 156,048,032 1,868,963 0 0 0 157,916,995</p> <p>8 a. Assistance for Youth Population (Restricted)</p> <p>9 77,500 0 0 0 0 77,500 77,500 0 0 0 0 77,500</p> <p>10 b. Increase County Jail Hold (Restricted)</p> <p>11 3,082,644 0 0 0 0 3,082,644 3,144,297 0 0 0 0 3,144,297</p> <p>12 c. Increase for Prevailing Wages at Crossroads (Restricted)</p> <p>13 528,485 0 0 0 0 528,485 1,056,970 0 0 0 0 1,056,970</p> <p>14 d. K-9 Program (Restricted)</p> <p>15 478,801 0 0 0 0 478,801 447,800 0 0 0 0 447,800</p> <p>16 e. Leased Vehicle Funding - Existing (Restricted)</p> <p>17 82,325 0 0 0 0 82,325 82,325 0 0 0 0 82,325</p> <p>18 f. Leased Vehicle Funding - New (Restricted)</p>											

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1	101,838	0	0	0	0	101,838	101,838	0	0	0	0	101,838
2	g.	Public Safety Security Equipment and Licenses (Restricted)										
3	1,650,000	0	0	0	0	1,650,000	800,000	0	0	0	0	800,000
4	h.	Secure Facility Equipment (Restricted)										
5	461,000	0	0	0	0	461,000	461,000	0	0	0	0	461,000
6	i.	Secure Facility Rate Increases (Restricted)										
7	920,647	0	0	0	0	920,647	1,860,373	0	0	0	0	1,860,373
8	j.	Vehicle Replacement (Restricted)										
9	334,000	0	0	0	0	334,000	334,000	0	0	0	0	334,000
10	3.	Rehabilitation and Programs Division (03)										
11	118,915,832	4,760,709	0	0	0	123,676,541	119,850,027	4,760,863	0	0	0	124,610,890
12	a.	2.0% Rate Adjustment for Prerelease Centers (OTO)										
13	608,043	0	0	0	0	608,043	1,238,557	0	0	0	0	1,238,557
14	b.	Parenting Program (Restricted)										
15	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000
16	c.	Respond to Increased Medical/Pharmacy Needs (Restricted)										
17	432,282	0	0	0	0	432,282	417,282	0	0	0	0	417,282
18	4.	Board of Pardons and Parole (04)										



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1	1,358,296	0	0	0	0	1,358,296	1,361,610	0	0	0	0	1,361,610
2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	Total											
4	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
5	All appropriations for the Director's Office/Central Services Division, Public Safety Division, and Rehabilitation and Programs Division are biennial.											
6	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7	TOTAL SECTION D											
8	<del>476,582,664</del>	<del>417,629,673</del>	16,215,160	2,265,943	0	<del>612,693,437</del>	481,110,849	411,149,029	16,215,160	2,263,957	0	<del>610,738,995</del>
9	<u>477,870,459</u>	<u>118,232,323</u>				<u>614,583,885</u>	<del>482,398,647</del>	<u>111,751,679</u>				<u>612,629,443</u>
10							<u>482,698,647</u>					<u>612,929,443</u>