

Fiscal 2026						Fiscal 2027					
General Fund	State Special Revenue	Federal Special Revenue	Proprietary	Other	Total	General Fund	State Special Revenue	Federal Special Revenue	Proprietary	Other	Total
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
Total											

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1	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	
2	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.												
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.	Litigation Funding (Restricted/Biennial)											
7	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	
8	b.	NRDP New Claims Authority (Restricted/Biennial/OTO)											
9	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000	
10	2.	Montana Highway Patrol (03)											
11	744,596	51,836,728	0	0	0	52,581,324	744,596	51,924,874	0	0	0	52,669,470	
12	<u>2,032,394</u>	<u>52,235,378</u>				<u>54,267,772</u>	<u>2,032,394</u>	<u>52,323,524</u>				<u>54,355,918</u>	
13	a.	Statewide Radio Loan Payoff (OTO)											
14	0	6,000,000	0	0	0	6,000,000	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		9,424,776	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
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		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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1												
2	Total											
3	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
4	<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>
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 <u>\$3,298,615</u> \$2,899,965 state special revenue in FY 2026 and FY 2027 and is increased by <u>\$2,698,615</u> \$2,299,965 general fund											
7	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											
8	general fund in FY 2026 and FY 2027.											
9	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (42010)											
10	1. Public Service Regulation Program (01)											
11	0	5,636,443	273,760	0	0	5,910,203	0	5,629,221	273,760	0	0	5,902,981
12		<u>5,840,443</u>				<u>6,114,203</u>		<u>5,833,221</u>				<u>6,106,981</u>
13	a. IRP Contract (OTO)											
14	0	200,000	0	0	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	b. Legislative Audit (Restricted/Biennial)											
16	0	44,550	0	0	0	44,550	0	0	0	0	0	0
17												
18	Total											
19	0	5,880,993	273,760	0	0	6,154,753	0	5,629,221	273,760	0	0	5,902,981

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	<u>6,084,993</u>				<u>6,358,753</u>		<u>5,833,221</u>				<u>6,106,981</u>
OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER (61080)											
1. Public Defender Division (01)											
26,998,354	0	0	0	0	26,998,354	27,152,519	0	0	0	0	27,152,519
2. Appellate Defender Division (02)											
2,356,785	0	0	0	0	2,356,785	2,376,179	0	0	0	0	2,376,179
3. Conflict Defender Division (03)											
3,855,478	0	0	0	0	3,855,478	3,869,997	0	0	0	0	3,869,997
4. Central Services Division (04)											
18,367,574	0	0	0	0	18,367,574	18,685,197	0	0	0	0	18,685,197
a. Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - Agency Training Events (OTO)											
150,000	0	0	0	0	150,000	150,000	0	0	0	0	150,000
b. Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - Client Communication/Access Tech (OTO)											
75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000
c. Close Public Defender Shortfall (Restricted)											
508,319	0	0	0	0	508,319	1,024,214	0	0	0	0	1,024,214
<u>1,016,638</u>						<u>2,048,428</u>					
REQUESTED BY: Senator Emma Kerr-Carpenter						PREPARED BY: Walker Hopkins					

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EXPLANATION: This amendment funds 4.00 additional attorney positions each year of the biennium for a total of 8.00 attorneys in fiscal year 2026 and 16.00 attorneys in fiscal year 2027. This amendment also adds intent language.											
d.	Sustain Existing Public Defender Services - Contracted Public Defender Rates (Restricted)										
3,177,586	0	0	0	0	3,177,586	3,177,586	0	0	0	0	3,177,586
e.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - AI/Data/Tech (Restricted/OTO)										
200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000
f.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - AI/Tech License (Restricted/OTO)										
500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000
g.	Sustain Effective Public Defender Support - Computer Purchase (Restricted/OTO)										
171,600	0	0	0	0	171,600	31,200	0	0	0	0	31,200
h.	Sustain Existing Public Defender Services - Contract Services Overage (Restricted/OTO)										
3,275,000	0	0	0	0	3,275,000	3,275,000	0	0	0	0	3,275,000
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Total											
59,635,696	0	0	0	0	59,635,696	60,516,892	0	0	0	0	60,516,892

All appropriations in the Office of State Public Defender are biennial.

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 average caseload of line attorneys.

It is the intent of the Legislature that attorney positions provided in Close Public Defender Shortfall (Restricted) be allocated among the Public Defender, Appellate Defender, and Conflict Defender Divisions.

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1 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (64010)												
2 1. Director's Office and Central Services Division (01)												
22,472,449	471,253	0	133,046	0	23,076,748	22,481,288	472,100	0	131,060	0	23,084,448	
4 2. Public Safety Division (02)												
155,525,424	1,868,963	0	0	0	157,394,387	156,048,032	1,868,963	0	0	0	157,916,995	
6 a. Assistance for Youth Population (Restricted)												
77,500	0	0	0	0	77,500	77,500	0	0	0	0	77,500	
8 b. Increase County Jail Hold (Restricted)												
3,082,644	0	0	0	0	3,082,644	3,144,297	0	0	0	0	3,144,297	
10 c. Increase for Prevailing Wages at Crossroads (Restricted)												
528,485	0	0	0	0	528,485	1,056,970	0	0	0	0	1,056,970	
12 d. K-9 Program (Restricted)												
478,801	0	0	0	0	478,801	447,800	0	0	0	0	447,800	
14 e. Leased Vehicle Funding - Existing (Restricted)												
82,325	0	0	0	0	82,325	82,325	0	0	0	0	82,325	
16 f. Leased Vehicle Funding - New (Restricted)												
101,838	0	0	0	0	101,838	101,838	0	0	0	0	101,838	
18 g. Public Safety Security Equipment and Licenses (Restricted)												

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1	1,650,000	0	0	0	0	1,650,000	800,000	0	0	0	0	800,000
2	h.	Secure Facility Equipment (Restricted)										
3	461,000	0	0	0	0	461,000	461,000	0	0	0	0	461,000
4	i.	Secure Facility Rate Increases (Restricted)										
5	920,647	0	0	0	0	920,647	1,860,373	0	0	0	0	1,860,373
6	j.	Vehicle Replacement (Restricted)										
7	334,000	0	0	0	0	334,000	334,000	0	0	0	0	334,000
8	3.	Rehabilitation and Programs Division (03)										
9	118,915,832	4,760,709	0	0	0	123,676,541	119,850,027	4,760,863	0	0	0	124,610,890
10	a.	2.0% Rate Adjustment for Prerelease Centers (OTO)										
11	608,043	0	0	0	0	608,043	1,238,557	0	0	0	0	1,238,557
12	b.	Parenting Program (Restricted)										
13	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000
14	c.	Respond to Increased Medical/Pharmacy Needs (Restricted)										
15	432,282	0	0	0	0	432,282	417,282	0	0	0	0	417,282
16	4.	Board of Pardons and Parole (04)										
17	1,358,296	0	0	0	0	1,358,296	1,361,610	0	0	0	0	1,361,610
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1	Total											
2	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
3	All appropriations for the Director's Office/Central Services Division, Public Safety Division, and Rehabilitation and Programs Division are biennial.											
4												
5	TOTAL SECTION D											
6	476,582,664	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
7	477,870,459	118,232,323				614,583,885	482,398,647	111,751,679				612,629,443