

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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