

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; 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~~ \$12.5 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 non-federal 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) The appropriation is void in any year that there is a projected general fund budget deficit pursuant to 17-7-140. ~~(Terminates June 30, 2027 - sec. 24, Ch. 722, L. 2023.)"~~

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

- 2025

Drafter: Julie Johnson,

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

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

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4 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Transfer of funds.** (1) By June 30, 2025, the state treasurer shall
5 transfer ~~\$50 million~~ \$25 million from the general fund to the local disaster resiliency fund provided for in 17-7-
6 133, MCA.

7 (2) During the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the state treasurer shall transfer ~~\$50 million~~ \$25
8 million from the general fund to the local disaster resiliency fund provided for in 17-7-133, MCA.

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

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