SENATE FINANCE & CLAIMS

Exhibit No. 7

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Bill No. HB 820

Amendments to House Bill No. 820
Committee Study Bill

Requested by Senator Dave Lewis

For the Senate Finance and Claims Committee

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1. Page E-2, line 27.
Strike: "11,756,625 11,796,748" [general fund FY08 and FY09]
Insert: "11,766,373 11,810,719" [general fund FY08 and FY09]

2. Page E-3, line 2.
Strike: "5,551,495 5,567,426" [general fund FY08 and FY09]
Insert: "5,567,713 5,590,824" [general fund FY08 and FY09]

3. Page A-4, line 13.
Strike: "3,000,000" [general fund FY08]
Insert: "2,186,665" [general fund FY08]

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Explanation - This amendment to Section E adds a **total of $63,335 general fund** to the university system budget in order to bring the state percent share of support up to 100% for the Agriculture Experiment Station (AES) and the Extension Service (ES) agencies for fixed cost overhead increases paid to MSU-Bozeman. The total increase to AES is $23,719 and the total increase to ES is $39,616.

This amendment to Section A also reduces general fund by $813,335 for the Department of Transportation Surface Transportation Litigation line-item on page A-4 at line 13.

This reduction to Section A is intended to offset the increase to Section E, including this $63,335 above, as well as amendments HB082028.aag, which increases general fund by $500,000 for the Agriculture Experiment Station in the 2009 biennium, and amendment HB082029.aag, which increases general fund by $250,000 for the Extension Service in the 2009 biennium.

In total, the increases and the reduction of these three amendments combined are identical so that there would be no net increase or decrease to the HB 820 total general fund appropriation if all three amendments are approved.