

Proposal for Legislation -- 2011

Re: Funding Reconciliation

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1. What is the problem or issue?

I-146, 149 and I-155 are voter passed initiatives. I-146 dedicated 49 percent of tobacco settlement funds to tobacco disease prevention programs and programs to provide health insurance benefits. I-149 raised the tax on cigarettes and tobacco products. I-155 enacted the Healthy Montana Kids Plan. All three initiatives restricted funds to certain special revenue accounts that can only be used for statutorily defined purposes stated in the initiatives.

2. What do you want the legislation to do?

Remove the restrictions on funding stated in the initiatives. The proposed legislation would continue to devote the revenue to the Medicaid and CHIP programs but would remove language that restricts the use of funds based on the dates the initiative passed or previously existing programs.

3. If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.

Sections 10-2-417, 16-11-119, 17-2-1002, 17-6-603, 17-6-604, 53-4-1011 and 53-6-1201,

4. If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose?

None Required

5. Has similar legislation been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.

Similar Legislation has not been requested.