



# MONTANA LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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DATE: September 27, 2012  
TO: Legislative Finance Committee  
FROM: Roger Lloyd, Senior Fiscal Analyst  
RE: Requested Statutory Appropriation Bills (enclosed)

At the March Legislative Finance Committee a list of nine issues pertaining to statutory appropriations was presented. Members discussed these issues, recommended six to pursue, and requested bill drafts to address the issues. They are:

### LC 328

- Assign the statutory appropriation for the veterans' cemeteries program to the Department of Military Affairs instead of the Board of Veterans' Affairs. Since the money for the veterans' cemeteries program is currently appropriated twice, the committee recommended that staff inform the appropriate subcommittee not to appropriate the money in HB 2
- In 17-1-508, MCA, eliminate the guideline "The fund or use requires an appropriation" and remove the word "not" from the guidelines to make the intent clearer
- Remove outdated references to Senate Bill 495 from the 2001 legislative session
- Sunset the statutory appropriation for certificates of public advantage and eliminate the revenue sources
- Sunset the statutory appropriation to spend ARRA funds when all federal funds and earnings have been received and spent

### LC 329

- Eliminate the double appropriation of money provided to the research and commercialization state special revenue account by removing the general fund statutory appropriation and replacing it with a general fund transfer of the same amount

With the exception of the contingent effective date for the ARRA funds [LC328, Section 10(2)], please note that the effective dates for both bills need to be determined. Staff recommends the following:

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