

Sent: Friday, February 23, 2007 12:08 PM

To: GOV Office Staff, GOV Cabinet  
Cc: GOV GOV\_OBPP

Subject: RE: Additional Guidance regarding budget process  
Importance: High

Greetings.

We have now seen the "six dollar bills", as one LFD staffer referred them.

Here's an update as to guidance:

We know you're getting a lot of requests and inquiries.

- 1) We support HB 2
- 2) We DO NOT support any of the Republican House leadership's bills HB 804 - HB 809
- 3) We recognize the work of the appropriations subcommittees and respect the 1,097 Montanans who testified before them
- 4) We are working with legislative leadership to bring HB 2 to the House floor for consideration
- 5) Please do not prepare amendments to HB 804-HB 809 or seek sponsors for amendments
- 6) Please continue to have your staff, along with OBPP staff, analyze these bills: HB 804 -HB 809
- 7) Please prepare yourself and your department to oppose these bills and support HB 2
- 8) Please clear all public comments about HB 804 - 809 with Sarah Elliott
- 9) We are also alerting advocacy and constituency groups as to our position and urging them to support HB 2.
- 10) We expect HB 2 will be the basis of the FY 08-09 state budget, as it has been for three decades

Thank you,  
DAVID EWER  
Budget Director