

10 WHEREAS, the federal fiscal situation results in economic uncertainty and recurrent threats of
11 government shutdown; and

14 WHEREAS, now more than ever, having seen national inflation rates fluctuate dramatically over the
15 past 4 years, even as high as 8% in 2022, fiscal responsibility is necessary not only at the individual level, but
16 for state and federal government as well; and

19 WHEREAS, government spending must be tempered by accountability and reason for the good and
20 prosperity of all of Montana's citizenry.

24 That if a member of the Legislature of the State of Montana introduces a bill with an appropriation or
25 amends a bill to include an appropriation to authorize the expenditure of money, the bill must also identify a
26 program or programs from which the newly appropriated funds are to be reallocated to offset the new
27 expenditure.

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