

**ITEM 147-117-R0510**  
**FY 12-13 MUS Present Law Budget Estimate**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents of Higher Education adopts the Present Law Budget Estimate as presented in the accompanying supporting materials.

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**EXPLANATION**

Each state agency is required to submit a budget for inclusion in the governor's budget per section 17-7-111, MCA. As a state entity, the Montana University System is required to participate in the Executive Branch budget planning and development process. This budget process estimates the total operating budget required to maintain the present level of services. As allowed by statutory definition, unfunded enrollment growth is also estimated in this Present Law budget. This proposal projects 100% state funding of projected cost increases related to resident and WUE students. Therefore, resident and WUE tuition rates are not increased. Non-resident tuition is increased to cover the projected costs related to non-resident students. Depending upon the amount of state funding authorized by the state legislature, this budget estimate may need to be adjusted.