

May 21, 2025

ITEM 218-1005-R0525

Request for Authorization to Remodel Law 225 Classroom at the School of Law; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the University of Montana – Missoula to expend up to \$650,000 to Remodel Law 225 Classroom at the Law School on the University of Montana, Missoula campus.

EXPLANATION

- The Law School has seen a recent rise in student enrollment and needs classrooms of around 60 - 65 students' capacity for teaching in order to admit more students. All the current classrooms of this size are booked.
- Space is available on the mezzanine floor of the Law Library east wing for a classroom of this size to be built. Existing library book stacks would be removed to vacate space for the classroom. With students accessing learning materials digitally, the need for physical books is on the decline.
- Commissioner's authority was received for this project to do design work but construction estimates put the project cost at \$650,000 requiring BOR authority.
- Funding for this construction will come from a combination of University and private funds.

ATTACHEMENTS

Attachment #1: Sheet A-1