

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian,

Date: November 29, 2018

Re: Montana State Library Executive Budget and Legislative Overview

The Governor's Executive Budget was released on November 15, 2018. As anticipated, the budget includes a statewide present law adjustment that would restore funding for approximately nine FTE (SWPL – 1) as well as other present law adjustments described in the budget.

Present Law Adjustment (PL) – 5 accounts for the additional percentage of Coal Severance Tax funds authorized to the State Library by the passage of House Bill 648 in the 2017 session.

PL – 7 brings grant budget authority in line with typical expenditures.

Finally, as anticipated, the only new proposal included in the budget is one that reduces by 1 FTE, the total number of current level FTE from 30.46 to 29.46 FTE.

MSL is not sponsoring any legislation this session however we will monitor many bills that may impact libraries, the GIS community, state government operations including a state pay plan bill, etc. The Department of Administration is carrying legislation to further update the Next Generation 911 legislation that was adopted in 2017. Though we do not anticipate that this legislation will impact MSL, we will monitor the bill none the less.

MSL will update the Commission about legislation as necessary.