

## **PRESENT LAW BUDGET ESTIMATE MAY 2012**

The construction of Executive Planning Process Present Law Budget estimate for the 2015 biennium includes the assumptions outlined below.

### **ASSUMPTIONS:**

#### **Restoration of Base Expenditures:**

The following examples are base budget expenditures removed during the 13 biennium budget build process. These expenditures had to be requested via a decision package (DP) presented to the Legislature. OCHE is working with OBPP & LFA to find solutions to properly capture University System base expenditures. A restoration DP that is not approved or is reduced by the Legislature becomes a base budget reduction.

- Faculty/Staff Dependent/GTA Waivers
- Extension Service County Agents' Employer Paid Benefits
- Overtime/Additional Compensation/ Communication Device Allowance
- Faculty Termination Costs
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#### **Personal Services:**

- Promotions and merit increases are campus specific.
- Faculty Termination Costs are campus specific projections.

#### **Operating Costs:**

- State Fixed Costs and Overhead charges have not been increased (awaiting specifics estimates from the executive budget process)
- IT Fixed Costs - 7% - 8%
- Library Acquisition Costs - 7%
- Utilities are campus specific projections, utilizing the services of utility managers on the Bozeman and Missoula campuses.
- New Space projections include utilities, O & M, and insurance.
- Growth in Resident Student tuition Waivers is based on campus specific projections.
- Other Operating Costs - 1% for educational units; specific costs for agencies.
- Growths in Resident Students- The previous 3 biennia have not funded any enrollment growth for Montana students.