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Bullock, Welborn Introduce Infrastructure Legislation

HELENA – Governor Steve Bullock announced today that Rep. Jeff Welborn (R-Dillon) will carry his “Build Montana” legislation in the upcoming legislative session. The bill seeks to invest over \$300 million in infrastructure construction across Montana.

“Montana is lucky to have statesmen like Jeff Welborn who are eager to get something done on behalf of all Montanans and who will work across the aisle to do it,” said Governor Bullock. “While Jeff and I won’t agree on everything, we agree that Democrats and Republicans should work together to find common sense solutions to fix our roads, build our schools, and provide clean drinking water across our state.”

The Build Montana bill represents \$380 million in total investments for infrastructure and capital improvements. According to an economic analysis prepared by the Montana Department of Commerce, this effort would support 4,293 jobs, create \$561 million in economic output, and increase wages by \$200 million. Governor Bullock proposed the legislation as part of his biennial budget that will be presented to the 2015 legislature.

“We have new and expanded projects that need our attention in Eastern Montana's oil, gas, and coal country. We also have needs for water and sewer system updates, coupled with long range building projects, all across Montana. This proposal gives the Republican controlled legislature an opportunity to work with Governor Bullock to use both cash and bonding to finance vital projects,” said Rep. Welborn.

The bill is LC0719.

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Attached:

Economic Impact Summary “Benefits of Infrastructure Investment – Build Montana Act”