

MEETING June 7, 2017

**ITEM** Federal and Montana Legislative Update

## ACTION REQUESTED N/A

**PRESENTED BY** Scott Eychner, Division Administrator

**INFORMATION** The SWIB will receive an update on the Federal Government's impact on WIOA and Montana Legislature's impact on the Montana Department of Labor & Industry.

## MOTION N/A

**SYNOPSIS** On May 5, 2017, Congress passed, and the President signed H.R. 244, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, which extended federal spending authority until September 30, 2017, which is the end of the federal fiscal year. Because the WIOA program was not funded for an entire program year, the State Workforce Innovation Board will only be able to approve WIOA funding through the end of the federal fiscal year with little assurance that funding levels will change in the next fiscal year. The President's FY 2018 budget imposed a 21% cut to the U.S. Department of Labor's annual budget with a 35% cut to WIOA formula programs serving adults, dislocated workers, and youth. The State Workforce Innovation Board will review the WIOA budget again at its fall meeting.