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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this weekly bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.

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MACo & the Montana Legislature

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2011 Projected Session Calendar

As Revised by Leadership — December 7, 2010

Please Note: Legislative leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

Introduction deadlines: Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

“General bills” is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

Notes: Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

Jan. 3:	62th Legislative Session begins	March 25:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills
Jan. 17:	Last day to request General Bills	March 30:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills and Bills Proposing Referendums
Jan. 22:	Last day to request Revenue Bills	April 1:	Transmittal of amendments to General Bills
Feb. 14:	Last day for Committee to request General Bills	April 4:	Last day to request Study Resolutions or Committee Bills to implement HB2
Feb. 24:	Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber	April 9:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
Feb. 25-28:	Transmittal Break	April 12:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills, Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions, and Bills Proposing Referendums
March 17:	Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions	April 15:	Transmittal of Interim Study
March 19:	Last day to request Bills Proposing Referendums or for Committee to request Revenue Bills		

Happenings on the Hill – Updated Daily

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Scheduled Hearings

The Senate Local Government Committee meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 3 p.m. in Room 405. The House Local Government Committee meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m. in Room 172. MACo priority bills are **highlighted** below, and bills we are watching are simply **bolded**.

Monday, January 24

Time	Room	Bill	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	172	HB 118	Require Montana State Fund board member w/ exec management insurance experience	Chuck Hunter
8:00 AM	172	HB 125	Generally revise insurance and securities laws	Harry Klock
8:30 AM	350	-----	Community Development Division of the Department of Commerce, which includes the Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP)	-----
9:00 AM	172	HB 188	Provide licensure and regulation of real estate appraisal management companies	Cleve J Loney
9:00 AM	455	HB 64	Require Dept of Admin to adopt rules on loan of employees between agencies	Wayne Stahl
9:00 AM	455	HB 226	Revise government records management to exempt personnel files	Kris Hansen
9:00 AM	137	HB 281	Revise laws relating to guardians ad litem	Betsy Hands
2:00 PM	102	HB 262	Extend requirement for emergency medical service grant program	Diane Sands
3:00 PM	172	HB 244	Repeal the MT renewable power production and rural economic development act	Derek Skees
3:00 PM	152	HB 43	Clarifying employer's rights related to employee use of medical marijuana	Gary MacLaren
3:00 PM	472	HB 49	Authorize the sale of bonds to fund Blackfeet water compact	Betsy Hands
3:00 PM	472	HB 79	Authorize spending authority for Blackfeet mitigation account interest payments	Lila Walter Evans
3:00 PM	455	HB 243	Revise laws on uninsured motorists	Douglas Kary
3:00 PM	455	HB 241	Enforce noise control for off-highway vehicles through FWP enforcement	Steve Gibson
3:00 PM	455	HB 246	Direct Dept. of Transportation to implement statewide compatible mods to GVW	Pat Connell
3:00 PM	303	SB 177	Generally revise education laws for transportation	Edward Walker
3:00 PM	303	SB 141	Address bullying in Montana schools	Kim Gillan
3:00 PM	405	SB 146	Regulate the use of private transfer fee covenants	Bob Lake
3:00 PM	405	SB 163	Clarify municipal authority to regulate outdoor lighting	Bob Hawks
3:00 PM	405	SB 164	Require consideration of conservation measures for rivers in growth policy	Bob Hawks

Tuesday, January 25

Time	Room	Bill	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	405	SB 172	Classify energy storage equipment and compressed air energy storage for taxation	Bob Lake
8:00 AM	405	SB 22	Allow public disclosure of certain information in commercial realty transfer	Jeff Essmann
8:00 AM	455	HB 160	Transfer architecture and engineering division to agency responsibility	Ryan Osmundson
8:00 AM	455	HB 238	Revise membership of Public Employees' Retirement Board	Bill McChesney
8:00 AM	455	HB 242	Revise school and municipal elections with primary elections	Mike Miller
9:00 AM	303	SB 187	Generally revise public defender laws	Jim Shockley
9:00 AM	303	SB 123	Enact disqualification requirement for supreme court justices	Bruce Tutvedt
9:00 AM	303	SB 147	Allow public defender access to jailed persons prior to court appointment	Tom Facey
2:00 PM	102	HB 230	Transfer board of crime control to corrections; eliminate some FTE's	Steve Gibson
3:00 PM	472	HB 286	Revising laws related to wildlife population management funding	Christy Clark
3:00 PM	152	HB 214	Managing bison as livestock	Bill Harris
3:00 PM	172	HB 211	Revise laws relating to municipal general obligation bonds	Pat Ingraham

Tuesday, January 25 Continued . . .

Time	Room	Bill	Short Title	Sponsor
3:00 PM	172	HB 212	Eliminate county classification	Pat Ingraham
3:00 PM	172	HB 123	Revise county and school district budgeting timelines	Edith McClafferty
3:00 PM	335	SB 148	Require Dept. of Livestock to notify private land holders re: bison control acts	Art Wittich
3:00 PM	405	SB 111	Limit noneconomic damages in motor vehicle accidents	Jon Sonju

Wednesday, January 26

Time	Room	Bill	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	172	HB 186	Continue allocation to Worksafe Montana thru assessment on work comp insurer	Chuck Hunter
8:00 AM	172	HB 283	Allow gender to be considered in certain insurance coverage	Liz Bangerter
8:00 AM	172	HB 268	Revise laws associated with bad check fees	Harry Klock
8:00 AM	137	HB 274	Provide that employment of an unauthorized alien is unlawful	David Howard
9:00 AM	303	SR 2	Confirm Bruce Loble as Chief Water Judge	Jim Shockley
9:00 AM	303	SB 149	Provide for a crime of predatory loitering for previously convicted sex offender	Jeff Essmann
3:00 PM	152	HB 239	Mandated benefits review by Insurance Commissioner for Legislature	Cary Smith
3:00 PM	152	HB 206	Constitutional amendment on freedom to choose health care coverage	Gary MacLaren
3:00 PM	152	HB 227	Revise laws relating to religious exemptions for immunizations	Bob Wagner
3:00 PM	152	HB 184	Healthcare tax credits for individuals and out-of-pocket expenses	Cary Smith
3:00 PM	152	HB 183	Provide for high deductible health insurance thru reimbursements and tax credits	Cary Smith
3:00 PM	152	HB 83	Create prescription drug registry	Tom Berry
3:00 PM	455	HB 216	Allow students with learners' permits to drive alone in certain circumstances	Miike Miller
3:00 PM	455	HB 270	Provide for Trooper Haynes memorial highway	Steve Lavin
3:00 PM	455	HB 218	Allow religious organizations to self-insure for motor vehicles	Mike Miller
3:00 PM	317	SB 189	Revise pharmaceutical authority to administer influenza vaccine	Jim Keane

Thursday, January 27

Time	Room	Bill	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	303	SB 175	Referendum to reform method of supreme and district courts judicial selection	Jim Peterson
3:00 PM	405	SB 82	Provide for a primary seat belt law	Bradley Hamlett

Friday, January 28

Time	Room	Bill	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	137	HB 280	Require ultrasound prior to abortion	Pat Ingraham
3:00 PM	152	HB 153	Allow deductions of health care sharing ministry expenses	Cary Smith
3:00 PM	152	HJ 5	Establish Montanan's with Developmental Disabilities Appreciation Week	Keith Regier
3:00 PM	152	HB 30	Provide for health care sharing ministries and exempt from insurance codes	Cary Smith
3:00 PM	455	HB 254	Revising motor club service laws	Gordon Vance
3:00 PM	455	HB 251	Eliminate requirement for a rear flagger on oversized loads	Brian Hoven
3:00 PM	455	HB 252	Prohibit dept. of transportation from recovering indirect costs for fed grants	Brian Hoven

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 130 LC0460	Expand types of elections to be conducted by mail ballot elections	2010-11	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/19/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS; REQUIRING ELECTIONS OTHER THAN SCHOOL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD BY MAIL; PROVIDING FOR TRAINING OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS AND ELECTION JUDGES; REVISING PROCEDURES BY WHICH ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS CONFIRM ELECTORS' RESIDENCE AND MAILING ADDRESSES; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR REACTIVATING AN ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION; REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOT PROVISIONS; REQUIRING COUNTIES TO PAY FOR BALLOTS RETURNED WITH INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR CREATING AND APPROVING A WRITTEN ELECTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO INACTIVE ELECTORS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING BOOTHS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACES OF DEPOSIT AND OFFICIAL DROP BOXES FOR BALLOT RETURNS; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING AND COUNTING RETURNED BALLOTS; REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT THAT ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS PROVIDE FOR PROPORTIONAL VOTING IN CERTAIN ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-101, 13-1-203, 13-2-220, 13-2-222, 13-2-301, 13-4-203, 13-13-212, 13-13-214, 13-19-101, 13-19-102, 13-19-104, 13-19-105, 13-19-106, 13-19-201, 13-19-202, 13-19-203, 13-19-204, 13-19-205, 13-19-206, 13-19-207, 13-19-301, 13-19-303, 13-19-304, 13-19-305, 13-19-306, 13-19-307, 13-19-308, 13-19-309, 13-19-310, 13-19-311, 13-19-313, AND 13-21-210, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 13-19-302, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."			
SB 85 LC0580	Revise commissioners authority on use of county roads	2010-10	Cliff Larsen	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO LIMIT USE OF A COUNTY ROAD OR OTHER PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDER THE COUNTY'S JURISDICTION; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-14-2103, 7-14-2133, AND 7-14-2134, MCA."			
SB 144 LC0176	Revise laws governing translocation of bison; prohibit free-roaming bison	2010-14	John Brenden	(S) Hearing – (S) Fish and Game 01/20/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS FROM RELOCATING WILD BUFFALO OR BISON OR ALLOWING FREE-ROAMING BISON IN THE STATE; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROHIBITION FROM RELOCATION; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			
SB 183 LC1029	Revise interim zoning laws	2010-09	Taylor Brown	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO PREVENT A PROPOSED USE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-206, MCA."			
SJ 6 LC0589	Resolution regarding federal land use policy	Public Lands PS	Alan Olson	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 01/19/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXPEDITE THE FEDERAL LAND USE DECISION PROCESSES IN MONTANA, TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADITIONAL MULTIPLE RESOURCE USES ON FEDERAL LANDS, NOT TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON ADDITIONAL FEDERAL LAND OR MINERALS THAT WOULD PRECLUDE DEVELOPMENT, AND TO SUPPORT FEDERAL LEGISLATION PLACING CHECKS AND BALANCES ON THE PRESIDENT'S POWERS TO DECLARE NATIONAL MONUMENTS.			
LC0421	Revise county tax appeal board composition and appointment process	2010-02	Kim Gillan	(C) Draft On Hold
LC0865	Define spot zoning	2010-21	Brian Hoven	(C) Draft On Hold
LC0866	Define military affected areas	2010-12	Brian Hoven	(C) Draft On Hold
LC1049	Ensure county oversight in movement of publicly-owned wild buffalo or bison	2010-01	Wendy Warburton	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester
LC1283	Revise incorporation laws to coincide with annexation laws	2010-15	Gary MacLaren	(C) Draft On Hold
LC1352	Generally revise tax increment financing districts	2010-19	Jim Keane	(C) Draft Request Received
LC1431	Extend time frames to preserve historic right of way under environmental policy	2010-07	Tom Berry	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester

MACo Priority Watch List

No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Walter McNutt	(H) Hearing – (H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services 01/21/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2013; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 11	Treasure state endowment program and transfers of money to the general fund	Jon C Sesso	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR EMERGENCY GRANTS AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING GRANTS; EXTENDING TRANSFERS TO THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT FUND TO 2021; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-5-703, 90-6-701, AND 90-6-703, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HB 20	Authorize county social host liability ordinances	Gordon R Hendrick	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 01/20/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO AND POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY AN UNDERAGE PERSON AT SOCIAL GATHERINGS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 22	Extend the sunset on wireless 9-1-1 funding for less populated counties	Harry Klock	(H) Transmitted to Senate
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXTENDING THE SUNSET ON WIRELESS 9-1-1 FUNDING FOR LESS-POPULATED COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTION 10-4-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 26	Clarify the provisions of the entitlement share payment program	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Hearing – (H) Appropriations 01/17/2011; 2:00 PM, Rm 102
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT PROGRAM; PROHIBITING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MILLS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY LEVY FOR A REIMBURSED TAX BASE DECREASE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-121 AND 15-10-420, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 28	Revise requirements for septic mixing zones	Walter McNutt	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 01/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT DRAINFIELD MIXING ZONES BE LOCATED WHOLLY WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION WHERE THE DRAINFIELD IS LOCATED UNLESS AN EASEMENT IS OBTAINED; AMENDING SECTION 76-4-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 43	Clarifying employer's rights related to employee use of medical marijuana	Gary MacLaren	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 01/24/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING EMPLOYER RIGHTS RELATED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION, DRUG TESTING, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA; EXPANDING THE TYPES OF EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE WORKFORCE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING ACT; CREATING EMPLOYMENT-RELATED EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROTECTIONS OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-2-206, 39-2-210, 39-2-313, 39-71-407, 50-46-201, AND 50-46-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 56	Generally revise local government entitlement share calculation	Tony Belcourt	(H) Hearing – (H) Appropriations 01/13/2011; 2:00 PM, Rm 102
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE GROWTH RATE USED TO DETERMINE THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; APPLYING AN ANNUAL GROWTH FACTOR OF 0.76% FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR STARTING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2012; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE IN EACH HOUSE IS REQUIRED TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 15-1-121, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 61	Allow local jurisdictions to set lower speed limits on unpaved roads	Gary MacLaren	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 01/13/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A LOCAL AUTHORITY TO SET REDUCED SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN UNPAVED ROADS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-310, MCA."		

MACo Priority Watch List Continued . . .

No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 68	Revise Medical Marijuana Act and create regulatory structure for industry	Diane Sands	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 01/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT TO CREATE A LICENSING AND REGULATORY SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE WHO GROW, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTE, OR SELL MEDICAL MARIJUANA; REQUIRING MONTANA RESIDENCY TO OBTAIN A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD OR A LICENSE; CLARIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICIANS WHO PROVIDE WRITTEN CERTIFICATION; PROVIDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO REGULATE MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSEES; ESTABLISHING PROHIBITIONS ON THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA BY CERTAIN PEOPLE; EXPANDING THE LIMITATIONS ON THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; CREATING A SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-111, 50-46-101, 50-46-102, 50-46-103, 50-46-201, 50-46-202, 50-46-205, 50-46-207, 50-46-210, AND 61-11-101, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 50-46-206, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES, APPLICABILITY DATES, AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HB 85	Require employer contributions on working retirees in PERS, SRS, FURS	Franke Wilmer	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/14/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE ACTUARIAL UNFUNDED LIABILITY OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE FIREFIGHTERS' UNIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEM BY REQUIRING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS ON WORKING RETIREES IN THOSE SYSTEMS; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-7-1101 AND 19-13-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 87	Revise workers' comp laws to implement recs of Labor-Management Advisory Council	Chuck Hunter	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 01/21/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LABOR MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL; PROVIDING A PROCESS FOR CLOSING WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS; OUTLINING CONDITIONS FOR REOPENING AND MEDIATING A CLAIM; REVISING PUBLIC POLICY TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO ACTUAL WAGE LOSS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT; REDUCING THE TIME FOR INSURERS TO ACCEPT OR DENY A CLAIM; REVISING CONDITIONS FOR TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFITS; REVISING THE PROCESS FOR PROVIDING COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES FOR DISPUTED MEDICAL BENEFITS AWARDED BY COURT; REVISING CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND PROCESSES RELATED TO PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITIES; PROVIDING SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOR IMPAIRMENT RATINGS AND ALLOWING DEPARTMENT TO CHANGE GUIDANCE BY RULE; ALLOWING RETROACTIVE BENEFIT PAYMENT TO CERTAIN WORKERS; REVISING MEDICAL CLAIM SETTLEMENTS AND LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS; REVISING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES AND TERMS TO ASSIST AN EMPLOYEE IN STAYING AT WORK OR RETURNING TO WORK; PROVIDING CONDITIONS FOR RETRAINING BENEFITS; ALLOWING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG INTERESTED PARTIES; CREATING A STAY-AT-WORK/RETURN-TO-WORK ASSISTANCE FUND AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FUND; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-71-105, 39-71-116, 39-71-118, 39-71-316, 39-71-407, 39-71-606, 39-71-609, 39-71-611, 39-71-612, 39-71-614, 39-71-701, 39-71-702, 39-71-703, 39-71-704, 39-71-710, 39-71-711, 39-71-712, 39-71-721, 39-71-723, 39-71-736, 39-71-737, 39-71-741, 39-71-744, 39-71-1011, 39-71-1025, AND 39-71-1031, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 39-71-1006, 39-71-1014, AND 39-71-1032, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND APPLICABILITY DATES."		
HB 105	Provide Insur Comm authority to review and approve health insurance premiums	Robyn Driscoll	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 01/18/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT RATES FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE FOR REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN REFUNDS RELATED TO A MINIMUM LOSS RATIO; PROVIDING TERMS FOR RATE APPROVAL, DISAPPROVAL, AND WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR A MINIMUM LOSS RATIO AND A MINIMUM LOSS RATIO GUARANTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 122	Provide for benefit and funding changes to public employees retirement system	Sue Malek	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING BENEFIT AND FUNDING PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; INCREASING THE NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE FOR NEW HIRES; INCREASING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EARLY RETIREMENT FOR NEW HIRES; ELIMINATING EARLY RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY BASED ON MEMBERSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW HIRES; CHANGING THE CALCULATION OF HIGHEST AVERAGE COMPENSATION FOR NEW HIRES; REDUCING THE MULTIPLIER USED TO CALCULATE BENEFIT PAYMENTS FOR NEW HIRES; INCREASING THE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS DUE ON BEHALF OF NEW HIRES; INCREASING THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL COVERED PAYROLL; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-3-108, 19-3-315, 19-3-316, 19-3-319, 19-3-513, 19-3-901, 19-3-902, 19-3-904, 19-3-906, 19-3-1002, 19-3-1008, 19-3-1106, 19-3-1205, 19-3-2117, 19-3-2141, AND 19-21-214, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 123	Revise county and school district budgeting timelines	Edith (Edie) McClafferty	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN DEADLINES RELATIVE TO SCHOOL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCING LAWS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-6-4036, 15-10-305, 20-3-205, 20-3-209, 20-7-705, 20-9-115, 20-9-121, 20-9-131, 20-9-134, 20-9-141, 20-9-142, 20-9-151, 20-9-152, 20-9-213, 20-9-439, 20-9-501, 20-9-503, 20-9-506, 20-9-533, 20-9-534, 20-9-604, 20-10-144, 20-10-146, 20-10-147, AND 20-15-313, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 20-9-211, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		

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HB 128	Revise health insurance laws	Pat Noonan	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Business and Labor
	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING HEALTH INSURANCE LAWS; PROHIBITING PREEXISTING CONDITION EXCLUSIONS FOR CHILDREN UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE AND PROVIDING OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIODS; REMOVING CERTAIN DOLLAR LIMITS AND LIFETIME LIMITS; PROVIDING ENROLLMENT OPTIONS FOR LOSS OF COVERAGE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING FOR COVERAGE OF PREVENTIVE SERVICES WITH NO COST SHARING; PROVIDING FOR A CHOICE OF PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS; PROHIBITING RESCISSIONS AND PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; EXPANDING COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 26 YEARS OF AGE AS DEPENDENTS; DELINEATING CHANGES THAT APPLY TO GRANDFATHERED PLAN COVERAGE INCLUDING PLANS FOR GOVERNMENT ENTITIES; EXTENDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; INCREASING AMOUNTS TO BE PAID FOR MAMMOGRAMS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-704, 7-21-3710, 33-1-102, 33-15-403, 33-18-215, 33-22-101, 33-22-109, 33-22-129, 33-22-131, 33-22-132, 33-22-140, 33-22-143, 33-22-152, 33-22-242, 33-22-246, 33-22-303, 33-22-508, 33-22-512, 33-22-514, 33-22-515, 33-22-703, 33-22-1516, 33-22-1521, 33-22-1704, 33-22-1706, 33-22-1802, 33-22-1803, 33-22-1810, 33-22-1811, 33-22-1813, 33-22-1815, 33-22-1901, 33-22-1902, 33-22-1903, 33-22-1904, 33-22-1905, 33-22-1906, 33-22-1907, 33-22-1908, 33-30-1007, 33-30-1014, 33-31-111, AND 33-35-306, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 33-22-245, 33-22-522, 33-22-1821, 33-22-1827, 33-22-1828, AND 33-31-322, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND APPLICABILITY DATES."</p>		
HB 129	Create state-level external review process for health insurance	Gary MacLaren	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 01/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADOPTING AND REVISING PROCESSES THAT PROVIDE FOR UTILIZATION REVIEW, GRIEVANCE, AND EXTERNAL REVIEW OF HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUERS' ACTIONS; AMENDING HEALTH INSURANCE UTILIZATION REVIEW; ESTABLISHING INDEPENDENT REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS FOR EXTERNAL REVIEW; LIMITING LIABILITY FOR INDEPENDENT REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS FOR DECISIONS MADE IN EXTERNAL REVIEWS; REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUERS TO PAY THE COSTS OF AN EXTERNAL REVIEW; EXTENDING RULEMAKING; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-32-101, 33-32-102, 33-32-103, 33-32-104, 33-32-105, AND 33-33-103, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 33-32-201, 33-32-203, 33-37-101, 33-37-102, 33-37-103, 33-37-104, 33-37-105, AND 33-37-106, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."</p>		
HB 133	Provide for court orders, fines, liens for noncompliance with noxious weed laws	Daniel R Salomon	(H) Hearing – (H) Agriculture 01/13/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING AND CLARIFYING THE PROCESSES AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS; AUTHORIZING A WEED CONTROL BOARD TO SEEK A COURT ORDER TO MANAGE NOXIOUS WEEDS; PROVIDING FOR CIVIL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS; PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON PROPERTY FOR UNPAID CIVIL PENALTIES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-22-2123, 7-22-2124, AND 7-22-2148, MCA."</p>		
HB 135	Provide benefit and funding changes to sheriffs retirement system	Carolyn Squires	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/17/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE TIME PERIOD FOR CALCULATING HIGHEST AVERAGE COMPENSATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO INITIALLY BECOME MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AFTER JUNE 30, 2011; INCREASING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS ON ALL PAYROLL COVERED BY THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-7-101 AND 19-7-404, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."</p>		
HB 136	Generally revise school funding	Trudi Schmidt	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Education
	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING MONTANA'S EDUCATION LAWS; ESTABLISHING A TEACH MONTANA SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; DISTRIBUTING A PERCENTAGE OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION TAXES TO THE TEACH MONTANA ACCOUNT TO SERVE AS A NONEXCLUSIVE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE QUALITY EDUCATOR PAYMENT; ESTABLISHING AN INFLATIONARY INCREASE TO THE QUALITY EDUCATOR PAYMENT; PROVIDING INFLATIONARY INCREASES TO THE BASIC ENTITLEMENT, THE PER-ANB ENTITLEMENT, AND THE QUALITY EDUCATOR PAYMENT; RENAMING THE MONTANA VIRTUAL ACADEMY; MOVING THE ACADEMY FROM THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD; INCLUDING STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES AS A PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL FACILITY AND TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR GRANTS TO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO IMPLEMENT THE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS; DELAYING THE DEPOSIT OF POWER SITE RENTAL PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL FACILITY AND TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-36-331, 15-36-332, 20-7-1201, 20-9-306, 20-9-326, AND 20-9-516, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 32, CHAPTER 486, LAWS OF 2009; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES."</p>		
HB 140	Transfer funds from the economic development special revenue account	Cynthia Hiner	(H) Hearing – (H) Appropriations 01/11/2011; 2:00 PM, Rm 102
	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY ALLOCATION TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND OF 50% OF THE EARNINGS DEPOSITED INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-5-703 AND 90-1-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."</p>		

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HB 143	Revise Taylor Grazing Act funds distribution; 100% to county general fund	Wayne Stahl	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 01/18/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF TAYLOR GRAZING ACT FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE AND ALLOCATED TO COUNTIES BY REQUIRING THE COUNTY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND ALL TAYLOR GRAZING ACT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-3-222, 20-9-331, AND 20-9-332, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 150	Revise duties of fire district trustees and boards	Ted Washburn	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE TRUSTEES OF A FIRE DISTRICT TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AN ANNUAL REPORT; REQUIRING THAT THE REPORT CONTAIN CERTAIN INFORMATION; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-33-2105, MCA."		
HB 156	Increase the rate of payment of interment allowance and headstone	Frank Smith	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/18/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOWANCE TO BE PAID BY THE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE FOR THE INTERMENT AND THE SHIPPING AND RAISING OF A HEADSTONE FOR A VETERAN; AMENDING SECTION 10-2-501, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 166	Revise weed control laws	John Esp	(H) Hearing – (H) Agriculture 01/13/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING WEED CONTROL LAWS; REQUIRING COUNTY APPROVAL OF WEED MANAGEMENT PLANS; CLARIFYING DUTY OF SELLER OR SELLER'S AGENT TO INFORM PROPERTY BUYER OF WEED INFESTATIONS AND MANAGEMENT; REVISING FUNDING OPTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2711, 7-22-2103, 7-22-2109, 7-22-2116, 7-22-2120, 7-22-2121, 7-22-2126, 7-22-2141, 7-22-2142, 7-22-2153, AND 80-7-814, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 170	Revise federal mineral leasing act pass-through funds	Wayne Stahl	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 01/20/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL MINERAL ROYALTY INCOME TO COUNTIES WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FEDERALLY OWNED MINERALS HAS OCCURRED; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF ALL OF FEDERAL MINERAL ROYALTY INCOME TO THE MINERAL IMPACT ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTION 17-3-240, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 186	Continue allocation to Worksafe Montana thru assessment on work comp insurer	Chuck Hunter	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 01/26/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE UP TO \$1 MILLION PER YEAR IN MATCHING FUNDS FOR WORKPLACE SAFETY PROGRAMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION; INCREASING CERTAIN ASSESSMENTS PAID INTO THE ADMINISTRATION FUND; AMENDING SECTION 39-71-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HB 212	Eliminate county classification	Pat Ingraham	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS; REPLACING REFERENCES TO COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS WITH AMOUNT OF TAXABLE VALUATION OR POPULATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-641, 2-18-702, 7-2-2213, 7-2-2218, 7-2-2222, 7-2-2225, 7-3-1214, 7-3-1306, 7-3-1341, 7-4-2405, 7-4-2601, 7-4-2602, 7-4-2703, 7-4-2705, 7-4-3006, 7-6-2102, 7-6-2401, 7-6-2413, 7-21-3211, 7-22-2142, 7-32-101, 7-32-2102, 7-32-2111, 13-17-101, 15-23-703, 15-24-3001, 15-36-332, 15-39-110, 30-14-122, 39-4-107, 80-7-814, AND 90-6-1001, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-1-2111 AND 7-1-2112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 252	Prohibit dept. of transportation from recovering indirect costs for fed grants	Brian Hoven	(H) Hearing – (H) Transportation 01/28/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FROM RECOVERING FROM CERTAIN TRANSIT PROVIDERS INDIRECT COSTS FOR U.S. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 17-1-106, MCA."		
HJ 3	Interim study of interoperability for public safety communications in MT	Edith McClafferty	(H) Hearing – (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications 01/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF FUNDING OPTIONS FOR THE STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.		

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HJ 4	Resolution opposing designation of national monuments without state's consent	Ken Peterson	(H) Hearing – (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications 01/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA OPPOSING THE DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN MONTANA WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR.		
SB 1	Amend assessment of rural special improvement districts	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 01/13/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING RECALCULATION OF THE AMOUNT ASSESSABLE TO EACH LOT, TRACT, OR PARCEL IN A RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IF THE NUMBER OF LOTS, TRACTS, OR PARCELS CHANGES; AMENDING SECTION 7-12-2151, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 8	Allow local governing body to require public water and sewer systems	Terry Murphy	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Natural Resources
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO REQUIRE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AND PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEMS FOR SUBDIVISIONS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 76-3-504, 76-3-601, AND 76-3-604, MCA."		
SB 14	Revise definitions for motor vehicle disposal, recycling	Dave Lewis	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways & Transportation 01/18/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING DEFINED TERMS FOR LAWS GOVERNING MOTOR VEHICLE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL; AND AMENDING SECTION 75-10-501, MCA."		
SB 17	Require admin of detention facility by sheriff, chief of police or dept of corr	Jim Shockley	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT DETENTION CENTERS MAY BE ADMINISTERED ONLY BY A SHERIFF, A CHIEF OF POLICE, AN ADMINISTRATOR OPERATING A PRIVATE DETENTION CENTER, OR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-32-2120, 7-32-2121, 7-32-2201, 7-32-2204, AND 7-32-2241, MCA."		
SB 18	Provide sheriff sole authority to hire/fire detention/law enforcement officers	Jim Shockley	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH A DETENTION CENTER, OTHER THAN A PRIVATE DETENTION CENTER, IS LOCATED HAS SOLE AUTHORITY TO HIRE AND FIRE DETENTION STAFF; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-8-2231, 7-32-2123, 7-32-2201, 7-32-2204, AND 7-32-2234, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 58	Lengthen time DNA evidence must be preserved in certain cases	Lynda Moss	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 01/11/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT LENGTHENING THE TIME PERIOD FOR WHICH BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE MUST BE PRESERVED AFTER A CONVICTION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR CERTAIN FELONY CRIMINAL OFFENSES; PROVIDING A MINIMUM TIME PERIOD FOR WHICH BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE MUST BE PRESERVED IN CERTAIN FELONY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS WHEN A CONVICTION HAS NOT BEEN OBTAINED; AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF EVIDENTIARY ITEMS THAT ARE IMPRACTICAL TO STORE IF PORTIONS OF THE ITEMS SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT FUTURE DNA TESTING ARE PRESERVED; AMENDING SECTION 46-21-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 91	Update postal service requirements for proposed cities and towns	Taylor Brown	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 01/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING POSTAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED CITIES AND TOWNS; AMENDING SECTION 7-2-4101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 98	Exempt nonproductive land within agricultural land parcel from taxation	John Brenden	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 01/18/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING AN EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR NONPRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL LAND; REQUIRING AN APPLICATION FOR THE EXEMPTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 108	Revise policy for management of large predators	Debby Barrett	(S) Committee Executive Action—Bill Passed as Amended—(S) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION WITH CERTAIN COUNTY GOVERNMENTS IN PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL POLICY DECISIONS REGARDING LARGE PREDATORS AND LARGE GAME SPECIES; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-217, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		

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SB 150	Provide for protection of rights through actions against public officials	Art Wittich	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 01/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CIVIL ACTIONS FOR THE VINDICATION OF VIOLATIONS OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE NONPAYMENT OF COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES; CREATING THE OFFENSE OF OFFICIAL OPPRESSION; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-9-305, MCA."		
SB 188	Eliminate and revise statutes related to Administration boards & councils	Kendall Van Dyk	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING AND ELIMINATING BOARDS AND COUNCILS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; REVISING THE NAME, MEMBERSHIP, AND DUTIES OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BOARD; ELIMINATING THE BOARD OF COUNTY PRINTING, THE ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND THE LAND INFORMATION ADVISORY COUNCIL; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-6-503, 2-15-1021, 2-17-506, 2-17-512, 2-17-513, 2-17-514, 2-17-515, 2-17-521, 2-17-532, 2-17-1102, 18-7-401, 18-7-404, 18-7-405, 90-1-403, AND 90-1-404, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 2-15-1026, 2-17-1105, 18-7-402, 18-7-403, 90-1-405, AND 90-1-406, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		

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HB 3	Supplemental appropriations	Robert Mehlhoff	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
HB 4	Appropriations by budget amendment	Robert Mehlhoff	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
HB 6	Renewable resource grants	Bill McChesney	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
HB 7	Reclamation and development grants	Tony Belcourt	(H) Hearing – (H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning 01/21/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 317B
HB 8	Renewable resource bonds and loans	Jon C Sesso	(H) Hearing – (H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning 01/21/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 317B
HB 9	Cultural and aesthetic grants	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Hearing – (H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning 01/20/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 317B
HB 10	Long-range information technology appropriations	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Hearing – (H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning 01/14/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 317B
HB 12	Provide one-year jurisdiction for misdemeanor DUI/BAC offenses	Mike Menahan	(H) Hearing – (H) Judiciary 01/19/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 13	State employee pay plan	Cynthia Hiner	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
HB 16	Allow public disclosure of certain information in residential realty transfer	Dick Barrett	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 01/14/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 172
HB 32	Revise laws regarding general appropriations bills	Ken Peterson	(H) Hearing – (H) Appropriations 01/17/2011; 2:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 33	Provide that any amount of dangerous drugs is impaired driving per se	Ken Peterson	(H) Hearing – (H) Judiciary 01/19/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 34	Split DPHHS Tobacco Settlement Fund	Trudi Schmidt	(H) Hearing – (H) Appropriations 01/11/2011; 2:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 35	Eliminate DPHHS reduction of Medicaid physician reimbursement rate	Trudi Schmidt	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 01/19/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152

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HB 36	Clarify commitment laws relating to people with developmental disabilities	Trudi Schmidt	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 01/12/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 40	Changing the standard for adoption of administrative rules	Ken Peterson	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/13/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 41	Amend law relating to designation of local government auditor	Wayne Stahl	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 42	Transfer fund balance from coal bed methane account to general fund	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Hearing – (H) Appropriations 01/12/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 46	Revise and clarify the realty transfer act	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 01/18/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 172
HB 48	Transfer funds between fire suppression fund and general fund	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Hearing – (H) Appropriations 01/12/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 49	Authorize the sale of bonds to fund Blackfeet water compact	Betsy Hands	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 01/24/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 53	Consolidate state employee benefit plan requirements	Harry Klock	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/11/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 54	Define order & program for certain Department of Livestock functions	Gordon Vance	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 55	Clarify penalty for speed zone violations	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Transportation
HB 65	Revise payment for court interpretation services	Mike Menahan	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 66	Clarify agency to which the state records committee is attached	Kathy Swanson	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/12/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 67	Strengthen ACT laws for treatment of DUI and BAC offenders	Mike Menahan	(H) Hearing – (H) Judiciary 01/19/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 69	Revise jail penalties for DUI court participation	Mike Menahan	(H) Hearing – (H) Judiciary 01/19/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 80	Revise unemployment insurance law	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 01/13/2011; 10:00 AM, Rm 172
HB 82	Require reporting of complaints on physician practices related to med marijuana	Diane Sands	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Human Services
HB 83	Create prescription drug registry	Tom Berry	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 01/26/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 88	Allow youth election judges	Franke Wilmer	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/12/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 89	Eliminate local registration, disclosure filing for legis, statewide candidates	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/12/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 91	Revise election laws	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/13/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 95	Gen revise MT Human Rights Act-Indian preference-subpoenas-attorney fees	Walter McNutt	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Judiciary
HB 99	Generally revise laws relating to absentee ballots and mail ballots	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/21/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 101	Revise sewer and water district finance laws and water authority laws	Margaret MacDonald	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 01/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 102	Revise probationary driver's license provisions for DUI court participation	Mike Menahan	(H) Hearing – (H) Judiciary 01/20/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 137

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HB 106	Provide for a 24/7 sobriety project for impaired driving offenders	Steve Lavin	(H) Hearing – (H) Judiciary 01/19/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 108	Clarify coord of insurance benefits vs. subrogation for state group insur plan	Jon C Sesso	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/11/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 110	Generally revise workers' compensation laws	Jeffery W Welborn	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 01/17/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 172
HB 120	Provide for audio minutes as official minutes	Tom McGillvray	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/13/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 124	Create a state-level health insurance exchange	Chuck Hunter	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Business and Labor
HB 131	Clarify responsibilities for expense recovery rel to orphan hazardous materials	Mike Menahan	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/21/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 132	Improve, clarify, and make property tax administration more effective	Brian Hoven	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 01/13/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 142	Require interim committees review of reports and advisory councils for sunset	Diane Sands	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/20/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 145	Require resignation of legislative seat prior to taking government job	Ken Peterson	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/13/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 146	Increasing penalties for DUI	Ken Peterson	(H) Hearing – (H) Judiciary 01/20/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 150	Revise duties of fire district trustees and boards	Ted Washburn	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Local Government
HB 152	Revise proof of residency and identity requirements for voting	Ted Washburn	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/12/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 157	Providing refundable income tax credit based on property taxes imposed and paid	Wayne Stahl	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 01/18/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 158	Allow certain physicians in emergency situations to use blinker or red light	Ken Peterson	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Transportation
HB 159	Restrict authority of FWP to regulate ammo or firearms for hunting	Cary Smith	(H) Hearing – (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 01/18/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 161	Repeal medical marijuana law	Mike Milburn	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Human Services
HB 162	Prohibit mixing zones for city wastewater discharge	Wayne Stahl	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 01/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 172	Revise laws related to hunting of grizzly bears	Ted Washburn	(H) Hearing – (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 01/13/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 174	Repeal prohibition on firearm sound reduction devices in field	Krayton Kerns	(H) Rereferred to Committee (H) Judiciary
HB 175	Submit repeal of Montana Medical Marijuana Act to voters of Montana	Keith Regier	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Human Services
HB 177	Provide for monitoring of wolf diseases	Krayton Kerns	(H) Hearing – (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 01/20/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 179	Disallow unemployment benefits for employee terminated during probation period	James Knox	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 01/20/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 172
HB 180	Revise close of voter registration	Champ Edmunds	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/20/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 181	Allow condo unit to be individually counted towards municipal zoning protest	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 01/13/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172

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HB 182	Revise bond requirements for public schools and local governments	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Hearing – (H) Education 01/12/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HB 183	Provide for high deductible health insurance thru reimbursements and tax credits	Cary Smith	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 01/26/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 187	Provide for Montana-made wooden products in highway and road specs	Pat Connell	(H) Hearing – (H) Transportation 01/14/2011; 2:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 194	Revise criminal accountability for DUI and negligent vehicular homicide	Daniel R Salomon	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Judiciary
HB 196	Provide that Dept. of Commerce assist local gov't with fed land management props	Pat Connell	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 01/19/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 197	Constitutional amendment allowing legislature to change retirement plans	Brian Hoven	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
HB 200	Provide for landlord tenant actions in small claims court	Jesse O'Hara	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Judiciary
HB 203	Allow evidence of other crimes in prosecution of sexual offenses	Mike Menahan	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 204	Allow any school board trustee of certain districts to preside over board	Daniel R Salomon	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 211	Revise laws relating to municipal general obligation bonds	Pat Ingraham	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Local Government
HB 214	Managing bison as livestock	Bill Harris	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks
HB 217	Extend property tax exemption for disabled veterans to include assessments	Mike Miller	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 01/20/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 226	Revise government records management to exempt personnel files	Kris Hansen	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/24/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 232	Revise Montana environmental policy act for local government consult	Pat Connell	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 01/19/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 239	Mandated benefits review by Insurance Commissioner for Legislature	Cary Smith	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 01/28/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 242	Revise school and municipal elections with primary elections	Mike Miller	(H) Hearing – (H) State Administration 01/25/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 243	Revise laws on uninsured motorists	Douglas Kary	(H) Hearing – (H) Transportation 01/24/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 258	Revise definition of guest ranch	Champ Edmunds	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 01/21/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 172
HB 259	Revise motor vehicle laws regarding intersections	Cleve J Loney	(H) Hearing – (H) Transportation 01/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 260	Revise state spending for wildland fire suppression	Tom Burnett	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Natural Resources
HB 262	Extend requirement for emergency medical service grant program	Diane Sands	(H) Hearing – (H) Appropriations 01/24/2011; 2:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 263	Revise county water and sewer district assessment law	Gordon Vance	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Local Government
HB 264	Allow any person to file complaint with insurance commissioner	Gordon Vance	(H) Rereferred to Committee (H) Transportation
HB 265	Prohibit insurer from disregarding cost item identified by estimating system	Gordon Vance	(H) Rereferred to Committee (H) Transportation
HB 269	Provide for "blue alert" system regarding violent offenders	Steve Lavin	(H) Hearing – (H) Judiciary 01/21/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 137

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HB 271	Exception to concealed weapon offense if eligible to apply	Krayton Kerns	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 273	Generally revise roadway access laws	Robert Mehlhoff	(H) Hearing – (H) Agriculture 01/20/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 274	Provide that employment of an unauthorized alien is unlawful	David Howard	(H) Hearing – (H) Judiciary 01/26/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 275	Provide offset of personal consumption expenses in survival actions	Scott Reichner	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 276	Revise automated traffic enforcement systems for school buses	Tony Belcourt	(H) Hearing – (H) Transportation 01/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 277	Provide for regulation of golf cart operation	Ted Washburn	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Transportation
HB 283	Allow gender to be considered in certain insurance coverage	Liz Bangerter	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 01/26/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 172
HB 284	Discontinue state employee efforts related to federal health care reform	Tom Burnett	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Human Services
HJ 1	Resolution urging federal legislation removing wolf from Endangered Species list	Mike Milburn	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HJ 2	Revenue estimating resolution	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Taxation
HJ 4	Resolution opposing designation of national monuments without state's consent	Ken Peterson	(H) Hearing – (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications 01/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 12	Repeal obsolete business equipment property tax reimbursement	Ron Erickson	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 21	Court dismissal of case with no action	Jim Shockley	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 22	Allow public disclosure of certain information in commercial realty transfer	Jeff Essmann	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 01/25/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 24	Revise involuntary commitment of alcoholics	Jim Shockley	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 01/20/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 28	Clarify mental health diversion grant awards are based on admissions to MSH	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Committee Report—Bill Passed—(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
SB 32	Revise interim committee laws	David E Wanzanried	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 33	Allow electronic voter registration for qualified electors w/valid drivers' lic	David E Wanzanried	(S) Hearing – (S) State Administration 01/14/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 34	Revise interim committees	Jeff Essmann	(S) Hearing – (S) State Administration 01/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 35	Revise laws related to navigable river beds	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 01/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 37	Eliminate statutory physician provider rate increase	Bob Hawks	(S) Hearing – (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety 01/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 317A
SB 38	Revise laws related to state land trust interest and income revenue	Bob Hawks	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 40	Statewide on-call judge for search warrants	Jim Shockley	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 01/20/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 41	Allow cities to establish courts of record	Jim Shockley	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 45	Revise notary laws	Dave Lewis	(S) Bill Not Heard at Sponsor's Request – (S) State Administration
SB 48	Allow special elections to fill vacancies in US Senate	Gary Branae	(S) Hearing – (S) State Administration 01/14/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335

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SB 49	Revise size of trailer license plates	Gary Branae	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 50	Eliminate jail time for certain misdemeanor offenses	Steven Gallus	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Judiciary
SB 53	Amend MAPA to change required language of an e-notice of proposed rule	Joe Balyeat	(S) Committee Report—Bill Passed—(S) State Administration
SB 55	Implement the federal military and overseas empowerment act	Larry Jent	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 66	Revise laws governing establishment of community college districts	Bob Lake	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 68	Clarify duty of driver in accident to remain at the scene	Larry Jent	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 72	Revise contracting authority for community corrections programs	Kim Gillan	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 75	Allow flexible hours for local property tax operations	Jon Sonju	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 01/13/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 82	Provide for a primary seat belt law	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways & Transportation 01/27/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 84	Revise deposit of fish and wildlife fines, restitution, damages	John Brenden	(S) Hearing – (S) Fish and Game 01/18/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
SB 89	Reduce DEQ and local sanitation review times	Art Wittich	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 01/14/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
SB 91	Update postal service requirements for proposed cities and towns	Taylor Brown	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 01/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 93	Revise the composition of the board of oil and gas conservation	Ron Erickson	(S) Hearing – (S) Energy and Telecommunications 01/13/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 317A
SB 95	Revise notary stamp requirements	Jim Shockley	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 96	Revise the Coal Board membership	Kim Gillan	(S) Hearing – (S) Energy and Telecommunications 01/11/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
SB 98	Exempt nonproductive land within agricultural land parcel from taxation	John Brenden	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 01/18/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 102	Revise law on payment of subcontractors on public contracts	Gene Vuckovich	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 106	Compel participation in lawsuit on health care reform	Jason Priest	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 01/12/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 107	Allow park rangers to carry firearms	Kendall Van Dyk	(S) Hearing – (S) Fish and Game 01/20/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
SB 110	Exclude land occupied by county road from taxation	John Brenden	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 01/19/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 111	Limit noneconomic damages in motor vehicle accidents	Jon Sonju	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways & Transportation 01/25/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 113	Transfer statutory excess retirement funds in trust by school districts to TRS	Larry Jent	(S) Hearing – (S) State Administration 01/19/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 114	Sheriff must authorize federal employee arrest, search, or seizure	Greg Hinkle	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 01/21/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 117	Coordination between local government, schools, districts and federal government	Greg Hinkle	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 01/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 120	Require publishing of appointed members to all state agency boards	John Brenden	(S) Hearing – (S) State Administration 01/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 121	Limiting the number of consecutive terms for jury duty	David E Wanzenried	(S) Bill Not Heard at Sponsor's Request – (S) Judiciary

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SB 122	Require passage of revenue estimating resolution	David E Wanzenried	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 01/19/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 127	Require agencies to summarize rules and conform rules to law	Debby Barrett	(S) Hearing – (S) State Administration 01/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 128	Exempt fire department emergency wells from permitting	Bob Lake	(S) Committee Executive Action—Bill Passed as Amended—(S) Local Government
SB 129	Referendum to limit state employee salaries and benefits	Dave Lewis	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Finance and Claims
SB 131	Allow business improvement district to make an assessment on a percentage basis	Cliff Larsen	(S) Bill Not Heard at Sponsor's Request – (S) Taxation
SB 142	Revise public notice of predator translocation	Debby Barrett	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 01/19/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
SB 143	Revise state grizzly bear policy	Debby Barrett	(S) Hearing – (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation 01/18/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 147	Allow public defender access to jailed persons prior to court appointment	Tom Facey	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 01/25/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 152	Increase the penalty for sexual assault for second and subsequent offenses	Taylor Brown	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 154	Regulating medical marijuana provider supply system	Dave Lewis	(S) Rereferred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
SB 155	Revise establishment of election precincts	Bob Hawks	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 01/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 162	Reimburse counties for all costs association with legislative referenda	David E Wanzenried	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Local Government
SB 164	Require consideration of conservation measures for rivers in growth policy	Bob Hawks	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 01/24/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 170	Revise medical marijuana laws on obtaining certificate for chronic pain	Jeff Essmann	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
SB 171	Revise personal property exempt subject to value limitations	Anders Blewett	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 01/20/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 174	Prohibit state funds for movement or relocation of bison to Spotted Dog WMA	Gene Vuckovich	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Fish and Game
SB 176	Allow Montana to opt out of fed health care payment of abortions	Rowlie Hutton	(S) Hearing – (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety 01/19/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
SB 178	Referendum on opting out of daylight savings time	Terry Murphy	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 182	Eliminate 2 advisory units for board of regents	Kendall Van Dyk	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) State Administration
SB 187	Generally revise public defender laws	Jim Shockley	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 01/25/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 303

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