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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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<http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm>. In this

section you'll find MACo's resolutions, links to pertinent bills, an archive of our weekly *Legislative Updates*, links to bills and bill status reports, hearing calendars, committee listings, legislator contact information, and more.

Scheduled Hearings

There are no scheduled meetings at this time. Look for a list of scheduled hearings for the first week of the legislative season in next week's Legislative Update.

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:	62 th Legislative Session begins	March 30:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills and Bills Proposing Referendums
Jan. 17:	Last day to request General Bills	April 1:	Transmittal of amendments to General Bills
Jan. 22:	Last day to request Revenue Bills	April 4:	Last day to request Study Resolutions or Committee Bills to implement HB2
Feb. 14:	Last day for Committee to request General Bills	April 9:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
Feb. 24:	Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber	April 12:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills, Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions, and Bills Proposing Referendums
Feb. 25-28:	Transmittal Break	April 15:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
March 17:	Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions	April 21:	Session adjourns; Sine Die
March 19:	Last day to request Bills Proposing Referendums or for Committee to request Revenue Bills		
March 25:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills		

2011 Session - Draft Schedule for First Week (Updated)

House and Senate leaders are planning several informational sessions for legislators during the first week of the 2011 legislative session. Following is a schedule (subject to change) of the first week. All meetings will be held in the State Capitol in Helena unless otherwise noted.

Monday, January 3		
9:30-11 a.m.	Presentation to Legislators on Overall Budget Status and Governor's Proposed Budget	Room 303
Noon	62nd Legislative Session Convenes: Swearing In Ceremony, Election of Officers	House and Senate Chambers
Tuesday, January 4		
7 -8 a.m.	Meeting of House & Senate Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs	Room 172
8 a.m.-Noon	Law School for Legislators	House Chamber
1-1:30 p.m.	Floor Sessions	House and Senate Chambers
1:30 -5 p.m.	Budget Training for Legislators	House Chamber, Rooms 102, 137, 152, 172
Wednesday, January 5		
8 -9 a.m.	Organizational Meetings of Class 1 Committees*	Assigned Committee Hearing Rooms*
9 a.m.-Noon	Overview of Budget by Topic	Rooms 102, 137, 152, 172, 303, 317
Noon-1 p.m.	Rules Training for Legislators (last names A to Ha)	Room 172
1-1:30 p.m.	Floor Sessions	House and Senate Chambers
2-5 p.m.	Budget Hearing, Joint Subcommittee on Education (public testimony scheduled at 4 p.m.)	Room 303
Thursday, January 6		
8-9 a.m.	Organizational Meetings of Class 2 Committees**	Assigned Committee Hearing Rooms**
9 a.m.-Noon	Overview of Budget by Topic	Rooms 102, 137, 152, 172, 303, 317
Noon-1 p.m.	Rules Training for Legislators (last names He to Oh)	Room 172
1-2 p.m.	Floor Sessions	House and Senate Chambers
2-5 p.m.	Budget Hearing, Joint Subcommittee on Public Health and Human Services (public testimony scheduled at 3:30 p.m.)	Room 303
Friday, January 7		
8-9 a.m.	Organizational Meetings of Class 3 Committees***	Assigned Committee Hearing Rooms***
9 a.m.-Noon	Overview of Budget by Topic	Rooms 102, 137, 152, 172, 303, 317
Noon-1 p.m.	Rules Training for Legislators (last names On to Y)	Room 172
1-2 p.m.	Floor Sessions	House and Senate Chambers
2-5 p.m.	Budget Hearing, Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety, Corrections, and Judiciary; Discussion of Governor's Local Government Funding Proposals (public testimony scheduled at 3:45 p.m.)	Room 303
Saturday, January 8		
8-8:30 a.m.	Floor Sessions	House and Senate Chambers
8:30-11:30 a.m.	Jobs Listening Session: Agriculture, Labor, Health Care, Tourism/Recreation, Extraction, Renewable/Energy/Transmission, Manufacturing, Technology/Legal/Finance/Accounting, Transportation, Construction, Retail, Gaming/Taverns (These topic areas and the order in which they are presented are subject to change.)	Rooms 102, 172, 303, 317

***Class 1 committees regularly meet Mondays through Fridays at 8 A.M. in the following rooms:**

- Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs, Room 422
- Senate Finance and Claims, Room 317
- Senate Judiciary, Room 303
- Senate Taxation, Room 405
- House Appropriations, Room 102
- House Business and Labor, Room 172
- House Judiciary, Room 137
- House State Administration, Room 455
- House Taxation, Room 152

****Class 2 committees regularly meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 3 P.M. in the following rooms:**

- Senate Education and Cultural Resources, Room 303
- Senate Local Government, Room 405
- Senate Natural Resources, Room 422

- Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety, Room 317
- Senate State Administration, Room 335
- House Education, Room 137
- House Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecomm., Room 172
- House Human Services, Room 152
- House Natural Resources, Room 472
- House Transportation, Room 455

*****Class 3 committees regularly meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 P.M. in the following rooms:**

- Senate Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Room 335
- Senate Energy and Telecommunications, Room 317
- Senate Fish and Game, Room 422
- Senate Highways and Transportation, Room 405
- House Agriculture, Room 472
- House Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Room 152
- House Local Government, Room 172

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

No.	Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 130 LC0460	Expand types of elections to be conducted by mail ballot elections	2010-11	Pat Ingraham	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	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) Introduced
	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."			
LC0176	Revise laws governing translocation of bison; prohibit free-roaming bison	2010-14	John Brenden	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery
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
LC1029	Revise interim zoning laws	2010-09	Taylor Brown	(C) Draft Request Received
LC1049	Ensure county oversight in movement of publicly-owned wild buffalo or bison	2010-01	Wendy Warburton	(C) Draft to Requester for Review
LC1283	Revise incorporation laws to coincide with annexation laws	2010-15	Gary MacLaren	(C) Draft Request Received
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 Request Received

MACo Priority Watch List

No.	Title	Sponsor	Status
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) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Government
	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) Referred to Committee-- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications
	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."		

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No.	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 26	Clarify the provisions of the entitlement share payment program	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
	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) Referred to Committee -- (H) Natural Resources
	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) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services
	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) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
	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) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Government
	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."		
HB 68	Revise Medical Marijuana Act and create regulatory structure for industry	Diane Sands	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services
	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) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	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) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
	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."		

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No.	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 105	Provide Insur Comm authority to review and approve health insurance premiums 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."	Robyn Driscoll	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 122	Provide for benefit and funding changes to public employees retirement system 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."	Sue Malek	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 123	Revise county and school district budgeting timelines 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."	Edith (Edie) McClafferty	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Government
HB 128	Revise health insurance laws 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."	Pat Noonan	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 129	Create state-level external review process for health insurance 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."	Gary MacLaren	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services
HB 133	Provide for court orders, fines, liens for noncompliance with noxious weed laws 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."	Daniel R Salomon	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Agriculture
HB 134	Provide benefit and funding changes to game wardens/peace officers retirement A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPROVING THE ACTUARIAL UNFUNDED LIABILITY OF THE GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BY INCREASING THE TIME PERIOD USED IN CALCULATING HIGHEST AVERAGE COMPENSATION FOR NEW HIRES AND INCREASING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS ON ALL EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-8-101 AND 19-8-504, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."	Carolyn Squires	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 135	Provide benefit and funding changes to sheriffs retirement system 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."	Carolyn Squires	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration

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HB 136	Generally revise school funding	Trudi Schmidt	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Education
	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."		
HB 140	Transfer funds from the economic development special revenue account	Cynthia Hiner	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
	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."		
HB 156	Increase the rate of payment of interment allowance and headstone	Frank Smith	(H) Introduced
	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."		
HJ 3	Interim study of interoperability for public safety communications in MT	Edith McClafferty	(H) Introduced
	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.		
SB 1	Amend assessment of rural special improvement districts	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation
	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) Referred to 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) Referred to Committee -- (S) Highways & Transportation
	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) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
	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) Introduced
	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."		

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HB 3	Supplemental appropriations	Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 4	Appropriations by budget amendment	Robert (Bob) 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) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 8	Renewable resource bonds and loans	Jon C Sesso	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 9	Cultural and aesthetic grants	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 10	Long-range information technology appropriations	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 12	Provide one-year jurisdiction for misdemeanor DUI/BAC offenses	Mike Menahan	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
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) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 32	Revise laws regarding general appropriations bills	Ken Peterson	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 33	Provide that any amount of dangerous drugs is impaired driving per se	Ken Peterson	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 34	Split DPHHS Tobacco Settlement Fund	Trudi Schmidt	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 35	Amend DPHHS administrative rule reducing Medicaid physician reimbursement rates	Trudi Schmidt	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services
HB 36	Clarify commitment laws relating to people with developmental disabilities	Trudi Schmidt	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services
HB 40	Changing the standard for adoption of administrative rules	Ken Peterson	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 41	Amend law relating to designation of local government auditor	Wayne Stahl	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Government
HB 42	Transfer fund balance from coal bed methane account to general fund	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 46	Revise and clarify the realty transfer act	Pat Ingraham	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 48	Transfer funds between fire suppression fund and general fund	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 49	Authorize the sale of bonds to fund Blackfeet water compact	Betsy Hands	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Natural Resources
HB 54	Define order & program for certain Department of Livestock functions	Gordon Vance	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Agriculture
HB 55	Clarify penalty for speed zone violations	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Transportation
HB 65	Revise payment for court interpretation services	Mike Menahan	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 66	Clarify agency to which the state records committee is attached	Kathy Swanson	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 67	Strengthen ACT laws for treatment of DUI and BAC offenders	Mike Menahan	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 69	Revise jail penalties for DUI court participation	Mike Menahan	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 80	Revise unemployment insurance law	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
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) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services
HB 88	Allow youth election judges	Franke Wilmer	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration

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HB 89	Eliminate local registration, disclosure filing for legis, statewide candidates	Pat Ingraham	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 91	Revise election laws	Pat Ingraham	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 95	Gen revise MT Human Rights Act-Indian preference-subpoenas-attorney fees	Walter McNutt	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 99	Generally revise laws relating to absentee ballots and mail ballots	Pat Ingraham	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 101	Revise sewer and water district finance laws and water authority laws	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Natural Resources
HB 102	Revise probationary driver's license provisions for DUI court participation	Mike Menahan	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 106	Provide for a 24/7 sobriety project for impaired driving offenders	Steve Lavin	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 110	Generally revise workers' compensation laws	Jeffery W Welborn	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 120	Provide for audio minutes as official minutes	Tom McGillvray	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
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) Referred to Committee -- (H) Agriculture
HB 132	Improve, clarify, and make property tax administration more effective	Brian Hoven	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 146	Increasing penalties for DUI	Ken Peterson	(H) Introduced
HB 150	Revise duties of fire district trustees and boards	Ted Washburn	(H) Introduced
HB 152	Revise proof of residency and identity requirements for voting	Ted Washburn	(H) Introduced
HJ 1	Resolution urging federal legislation removing wolf from Endangered Species list	Mike Milburn	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks
HJ 2	Revenue estimating resolution	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
SB 12	Repeal obsolete business equipment property tax reimbursement	Ron Erickson	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation
SB 21	Court dismissal of case with no action	Jim Shockley	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
SB 22	Allow public disclosure of certain information in commercial realty transfer	Jeff Essmann	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation
SB 24	Revise involuntary commitment of alcoholics	Jim Shockley	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
SB 28	Clarify mental health diversion grant awards are based on admissions to MSH	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
SB 32	Revise interim committee laws	David E Wanzenried	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 33	Allow electronic voter registration for qualified electors w/valid drivers' lic	David E Wanzenried	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
SB 34	Revise interim committees	Jeff Essmann	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Legislative Administration
SB 35	Revise laws related to navigable river beds	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Natural Resources
SB 37	Eliminate statutory physician provider rate increase	Bob Hawks	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
SB 38	Revise laws related to state land trust interest and income revenue	Bob Hawks	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Natural Resources
SB 40	Statewide on-call judge for search warrants	Jim Shockley	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
SB 41	Allow cities to establish courts of record	Jim Shockley	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary

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SB 45	Revise notary laws	Dave Lewis	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
SB 48	Allow special elections to fill vacancies in US Senate	Gary Branae	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
SB 49	Revise size of trailer license plates	Gary Branae	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Highways and Transportation
SB 50	Eliminate jail time for certain misdemeanor offenses	Steven Gallus	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
SB 53	Amend MAPA to change required language of an e-notice of proposed rule	Joe Balyeat	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
SB 55	Implement the federal military and overseas empowerment act	Larry Jent	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
SB 66	Revise laws governing establishment of community college districts	Bob Lake	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources
SB 68	Clarify duty of driver in accident to remain at the scene	Larry Jent	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
SB 72	Revise contracting authority for community corrections programs	Kim Gillan	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
SB 75	Allow flexible hours for local property tax operations	Jon Sonju	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation
SB 82	Provide for a primary seat belt law	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Introduced
SB 84	Revise deposit of fish and wildlife fines, restitution, damages	John Brenden	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Fish and Game
SB 89	Reduce DEQ and local sanitation review times	Art Wittich	(S) Introduced
SB 93	Revise the composition of the board of oil and gas conservation	Ron Erickson	(S) Introduced
SB 95	Revise notary stamp requirements	Jim Shockley	(S) Introduced
SB 96	Revise the Coal Board membership	Kim Gillan	(S) Introduced
SB 98	Exempt nonproductive land within agricultural land parcel from taxation	John Brenden	(S) Introduced