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MACo PENSION BILL REVIEW

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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Below is an overview of some of the Retirement System bills that have been introduced. Per the MACo By-laws, the MACo Executive Committee provides legislative guidance; however, please feel free to send in your comments and thoughts on these bills that we can share with the Executive Committee and/or the legislative committee during the hearings. We will continue to provide weekly updates, and we will have fiscal information posted on the MACo website next week as to the projected fiscal impact by county of some of the major bills.

[HB 95 – REQUIRE CONTRIBUTIONS ON WORKING RETIREE COMPENSATION \(REP. WILMER\)](#)

This bill was brought forward at the request of the Montana Public Employees Retirement Board (MPERB). This is the third session this bill has been introduced. It did not pass in 2009 or 2011. The current bill as introduced would affect PERS and SRS (Sheriffs) and would require:

- 1) Beginning July 1, 2013, each employer shall contribute 7.07%, and the state shall contribute 0.1% for retired members who return to work in a covered position but who have not become active members.
- 2) A retired member who returns to service for 480 hours or more in a calendar year must become an active member of the system. Upon reinstatement as an active member, benefit payments must cease until subsequent retirement.
- 3) Retired members who return to active service for 480 hours or more in a calendar year are subject to the employee and employer contributions set forth in 19-7-403 and 19-7-404 (7.9% for employees, 7.07% for employers).
- 4) The employer of a retired member, who is returning to work pursuant to #2 & #3 above, shall contribute the amounts specified in 19-7-404 (7.9% for employees, 7.07% for employers).

The Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA) submitted a fiscal note to the Budget office, stating:

- 1) HB 95 will provide additional funding for the applicable retirement systems to offset the funding lost by the adverse effect of retirees returning to work in place of active contributing members; and
- 2) A retiree returning to work takes the place of a new member that would otherwise be hired to fill the position where employee and employer contributions would be paid; therefore, employers and the State are not paying contributions beyond what is normally budgeted for a new hire.

MACo was unable to obtain detailed fiscal data from MPERA, so we issued a survey to counties to gather information. So far, 33 counties have responded. We will be contacting those who have not responded to urge them to answer, so we have a good representation of the impacts to our counties.

MPERA reported that the counties have 161 PERS retirees with a reported payroll of \$753,972.68. They estimate that counties are 20.1% of the overall fiscal projection. Based on their numbers and information, the projected the impacts to counties would be:

2014	\$18,348	2015	\$19,129	2016	\$19,845	2017	\$20,690
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The Actuarial Report for HB 95 can be found on our website:

<http://www.mtcounties.org/sites/default/files/forms-downloads/legislative/sessions/2013/pension-systems/hb-95-actuary-impact-statement-2012-12-28.pdf>

MACo PENSION BILL REVIEW (CONTINUED)

HB 96: PROVIDE ACTUARIAL FUNDING FOR PERS, HPORS, GWPORS, SRS RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (REP. WILMER)

This bill was also brought forward on behalf of MPERB. The bill as proposed would increase employer contributions to these systems by 0.25% per year over four years. MACo has obtained detailed information from MPERA regarding the employer contributions by county for PERS and SRS, and will be posting our projections on our website next week.

In development of the fiscal note, MPERA establishes a projected payroll growth of 4% per year. In FY 2012, the payroll increase reported over FY 2011 by counties was 2.13% for PERS and 4.15% for SRS. MACo is creating a fiscal projection with realistic assumptions based on the CPI and will post the spreadsheets on our website when they are complete, so each county can see the projected fiscal impact of the proposed increase in employer contributions for PERS and SRS.

HB 97: CAP HIGHEST/FINAL AVERAGE COMPENSATION IN MPERA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (REP. WILMER)

This was introduced by MPERB, based on a recommendation of the Legislative Audit Division. HB 97 impacts all of the defined benefit plans administered by MPERA with the exception of Volunteer Firefighters and is applicable only to new hires on or after July 1, 2013. The purpose of the bill is to prevent a practice called "pay spiking" where a member approaching retirement will cause his or her pay to increase substantially, usually by working additional overtime. For calculations of highest average compensation (HAC) or final average compensation (FAC), a member's percentage increase in annual compensation will be limited to 15% during the years of which the average is based.

This will only affect members and benefits and should not impact employers (counties), unless there would be additional reporting required. At this time, we are not aware that there will be, but we will continue to monitor this bill for you.

HB 105: GENERALLY REVISE MPERA RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAWS CONCERNING PLAN ADMINISTRATION (REP. STEENBERG)

This is the MPERA "clean-up" bill, which they bring every session to address how member benefits and distribution are handled. There are no changes being proposed that would be of concern to counties.

HB 122: ENSURE FEDERAL IRS QUALIFICATION OF MPERA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (REP. BENNETT)

This bill was introduced on behalf of MPERB, and it is their bill to ensure the retirement systems are administered to ensure IRS qualification of the plans.

With the passage of GASB 67 & 68, regarding the posting of pension liabilities by governments, the MPERB included language in this bill that states:

Section 2. Section 19-2-405, MCA, is amended to read: **19-2-405. Employment of actuary -- annual investigation and valuation.** (7) *The board shall require the actuary to prepare for each employer participating in a retirement system the disclosures or the information required to be included in the disclosures as required by law and by the governmental accounting standards board or its generally recognized successor. Each employer shall pay the employer's share of the actuary's cost for preparing the information or disclosures as determined by the board. The board may adopt rules governing how employer costs must be determined and paid.*"

This is of concern to counties, as the costs of the actuary to determine the amount of each employer's portion of the pension system's unfunded liability will be passed on to the employers. In the case of counties, this will include the actuarial costs for both PERS and SRS. At their November 2012 meeting, MACo requested MPERA provide information on the projected costs to each employer. That information is not available as of this writing; however, the fiscal note is due next week, so it will hopefully contain the information we need, so we can provide you with a projected fiscal impact statement.

HB 175: INCLUDE DISPATCHERS IN THE SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (REP. WILMER)

This bill was also introduced on behalf of MPERB. This is the third session that this bill has been introduced. As introduced, HB 175 would allow current dispatchers the option of transferring from PERS to SRS. It would also require any dispatchers hired after July 1, 2013 to become members of SRS. The fiscal impact to counties will be the increased cost of employer contribution rate for the dispatchers. The current employer contribution rate is 7.07% for PERS and 10.115% for SRS.

SB 82: REQUIRE PERS NEW HIRES TO BE IN THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN (SEN. LEWIS)

This bill would require all new hires as of July 1, 2013 to become members of the Defined Contribution Plan and would essentially "close" the defined benefit plan. MPERB believes there are some technical issues with the bill. MACo was unable to develop a fiscal note; however, MPERA submitted the information to the budget office for a fiscal impact statement. The sponsor has challenged the fiscal note and requested more information on the fiscal impact of this bill.

2013 PROJECTED SESSION CALENDAR

As adopted by Legislative Council—May 2, 2012

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

In accordance with 5-2-103, MCA, each regular session of the Legislature convenes on the first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year or, if January 1 is a Monday, on the first Wednesday.

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. 7:	63rd Legislative Session begins	April 8:	Transmittal of amendments to General Bills
Jan. 19:	Last day to request General Bills	April 10:	Last day to request Study Resolutions or Committee Bills to implement HB2
Jan. 25:	Last day to request Revenue Bills	April 16:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
Feb. 16:	Last day for Committee to request General Bills	April 18:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills, Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions, and Bills Proposing Referendums
Feb. 27:	Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber	April 22:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
Feb. 28-March 3:	Transmittal Break	April 27:	Sine Die
March 20:	Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions	April 30:	90th Legislative Day – Sine Die.
March 22:	Last day to request Bills Proposing Referendums or for Committee to request Revenue Bills		
March 28:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills		
April 5:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills and Bills Proposing Referendums		

SCHEDULED HEARINGS: JANUARY 14-18, 2013

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 bills are highlighted green, priority bills are highlighted blue, and watch bills are highlighted yellow.**

<u>MONDAY, JANUARY 14</u>				
Time	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	350	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Duane Ankney
8:00 AM	102	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Duane Ankney
8:00 AM	317B	HB 11	Treasure state endowment program	Steve Gibson
8:00 AM	317B	HB 6	Renewable resource grants	Rob Cook
8:00 AM	317A	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Duane Ankney
8:00 AM	455	HB 30	Revise late registration laws	Ted Washburn
8:00 AM	455	HB 46	Revise contribution limit for candidate exploratory campaign	Pat Ingraham
8:00 AM	455	HB 64	Clarify requirements for report filing	Pat Ingraham

MONDAY, JANUARY 14 (CONTINUED)

Time	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	455	HB 67	Revise inspection of campaign records laws	Bryce Bennett
8:00 AM	152	HB 111	Repeal business equipment tax reduction for value-added manufacturing	Mike Miller
8:00 AM	152	HB 36	Remove statutory references to local government severance tax	Carlie Boland
9:00 AM	172	HB 116	Revise deferred deposit loan laws	Jennifer Eck
9:00 AM	172	HB 117	Revise escrow regulation laws	Jennifer Eck
9:00 AM	137	HB 140	Generally revising controlled substance laws	Tom Berry
9:00 AM	137	HB 50	Prohibit immigration sanctuary policies by local governments	David Howard
9:00 AM	137	HB 70	Require victim impact panels in certain state correctional facilities	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald
10:00 AM	303	SB 73	Repeal DARE program	Christine Kaufmann
10:00 AM	303	SB 8	Eliminate racial profiling report to the legislature	Terry Murphy
3:00 PM	172	HB 45	Require EQC eminent domain handbook be included in condemnation complaint	Steve Lavin
3:00 PM	152	HB 131	Allow mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect to receive information	Jenifer Gursky
3:00 PM	152	HB 84	Revise 72-hour presumptive eligibility requirements for crisis stabilization	Pat Noonan
3:00 PM	172	HB 128	Provide authority to expend water rights enforcement penalties	Galen Hollenbaugh
3:00 PM	172	HB 146	Generally revise laws related to solid waste licenses and fees	Kris Hansen
3:00 PM	172	HB 59	Revise title of governor's drought advisory committee	Ryan Lynch
3:00 PM	455	HB 55	Remove federally preempted motor carrier regulations	Austin Knudsen
3:00 PM	405	SB 23	Revise interim zoning laws	Matthew M Rosendale
3:00 PM	405	SB 24	Revise zoning laws for sand and gravel operations	Matthew M Rosendale
3:00 PM	405	SB 48	Establish regional water system rate process	Greg Jergeson
3:00 PM	317	SB 12	Require temporary appropriation for state group benefit plan expenditures	Dave Lewis
3:00 PM	317	SB 28	Authorize Montana joining interstate insurance product regulation compact	Fred Thomas
3:00 PM	317	SB 55	Clarify coverage of routine costs for patients in approved clinical trials	Christine Kaufmann
3:00 PM	317	SB 69	Revise Medicaid qualification enforcement laws	Edward Walker
3:00 PM	317	SB 79	Revise laws regarding access to nonprofit hospital records	Dave Lewis
3:00 PM	335	SB 3	Repeal legislative internship program	Jeff Essmann
3:00 PM	335	SB 33	Revise disaster relief expenditure laws	Larry Jent
3:00 PM	335	SB 35	Revise statutory requirements for notarization of certain documents	Jim Keane
3:00 PM	335	SB 57	Adopt certain uniform laws commission language for military/overseas ballots	Larry Jent
3:00 PM	335	SJ 4	Interim study on Virginia City, Nevada City, and Reeder's Alley	Jim Keane
3:30 PM	422	SB 76	Require permits for cooling water intake structures	Chas Vincent
3:30 PM	422	SB 92	Revise strip and underground mining laws	Alan Olson
5:00 PM	317	SB 49	Revise laws regarding reporting to the legislative finance committee	Rick Ripley
5:00 PM	317	SB 58	Transfer money to the endowment for children	Christine Kaufmann
5:00 PM	317	SB 59	Remove certain restrictions on I-149 and I-155 funding uses	Greg Jergeson
5:00 PM	317	SB 63	Clarify military death benefit	Anders Blewett

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

Time	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	172	HB 118	Repeal the Montana Title Loan Act	Jennifer Eck
8:00 AM	172	HB 141	Revise gambling control laws	Pat Noonan
8:00 AM	172	HB 48	Revise Insure Montana laws	Bill McChesney
8:00 AM	172	HB 61	Allow addiction counselors to treat gambling addictions	Ryan Lynch
8:00 AM	350	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Duane Ankney
8:00 AM	102	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Duane Ankney
8:00 AM	317B	HB 11	Treasure state endowment program	Steve Gibson
8:00 AM	137	HB 104	Criminalize offenses involving death to an unborn child	Keith Regier
8:00 AM	137	HB 107	Revise laws related to legal counsel representation in abuse and neglect cases	Ryan Lynch
8:00 AM	137	HB 137	Clarify application of parole eligibility for juvenile offenders	Kimberly Dudik
8:00 AM	137	HB 16	Revise involuntary commitment and emergency detention laws	Ellie Boldman Hill
8:00 AM	137	HB 17	Revise or eliminate certain DOJ advisory councils and reports	Ellie Boldman Hill
8:00 AM	455	HB 54	Revise teacher's retirement system administrative and tax qualification laws	Pat Ingraham
8:00 AM	455	HJ 2	Interim study investigating state/local gov electronic records management	Galen Hollenbaugh
8:30 AM	317C	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Duane Ankney
9:00 AM	422	SB 29	Revise primary sector workforce program laws	Edward Buttrey
9:00 AM	422	SB 64	Revise certain complaint provisions for professional and occupational licensing	Tom Facey
9:00 AM	422	SB 93	Revise Montana Mortgage Act	Gene Vuckovich
9:00 AM	303	SB 97	Revise redistricting laws to reduce the number of House and Senate seats	Jason Priest
9:00 AM	303	SB 98	Revise redistricting laws to reduce the number of House and Senate seats	Jason Priest
9:00 AM	152	SJ 2	Revenue estimate pursuant to the Joint Rules of the Legislature	Bruce Tutvedt
3:00 PM	472	HB 149	Revise ditch easement laws	Pat Connell
3:00 PM	472	HB 189	Revise hail insurance maximum	Dennis R Lenz
3:00 PM	102	HB 160	Require that aquatic invasive programs be funded by state general fund	Ted Washburn
3:00 PM	102	HB 18	Clarify general fund transfers to the research and commercialization account	Galen Hollenbaugh
3:00 PM	152	HB 26	Allow lighted nock on arrows while big game hunting	Ted Washburn
3:00 PM	152	HB 33	Revising large predator laws	Ted Washburn
3:00 PM	152	HB 62	Authorize FWP commission to require barbless hooks in catch-and-release waters	Pat Connell
3:00 PM	172	HB 148	Clarifying local gov't authority to regulate amateur radio operators	Pat Connell
3:00 PM	172	HB 164	Revise when county commissioner district boundaries can be modified	Amanda Curtis
3:00 PM	172	HB 77	Revise public assistance laws relating to counties	Pat Ingraham
3:00 PM	335	SB 60	Eliminate alternative livestock advisory council	Gene Vuckovich
3:00 PM	335	SB 72	Revise the livestock per-capita assessment date	Debby Barrett
3:00 PM	335	SB 94	Revise laws regarding exchanges between home canners and gardeners	Dee Brown
3:00 PM	317	SB 31	Revise definition of eligible rewevable resource	Debby Barrett
3:00 PM	317	SB 45	Revise the renewable portfolio standard laws to include hydro expansions	Jim Keane
3:00 PM	317	SB 52	Clarify renewable energy credit reporting requirements	Jim Keane
3:00 PM	422	SB 118	Setting aside special license for residents 65 and older	Fred Thomas
3:00 PM	405	SB 111	Revise highway laws	Matthew M Rosendale

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Time	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	172	HB 22	Generally revise state auditor laws on insurance	Kimberly Dudik
8:00 AM	172	HB 81	Revise securities restitution assistance fund laws	Duane Ankney
8:00 AM	137	HB 71	Clarifying restorative justice laws and establish grant program	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald
8:00 AM	137	HB 72	Allow restorative justice as condition of suspended or deferred sentence	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald
8:00 AM	137	HB 74	Require disclosure of child abuse to DPHHS to law enforcement in all cases	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald
8:00 AM	137	HB 80	Authorizing peace officer status for corrections criminal investigators	Steve Lavin
8:00 AM	455	HB 108	Revise registration and proof of identity requirements for voting	Ted Washburn
8:00 AM	455	HB 120	Generally revise election laws	Pat Ingraham
8:00 AM	455	HB 126	Generally revise ballot issues and petition statutes	Pat Ingraham
8:00 AM	405	SB 56	Eliminate calculation errors of taxes, fees, and assessments to local government	Larry Jent
8:00 AM	405	SB 89	Revise nonprofit tax record laws	Greg Jergeson
8:30 AM	152	HB 152	Provide deadlines for governing bodies to review tax exemption applications	Steve Fitzpatrick
9:00 AM	422	SB 109	Provide landlord comply with building code in place at original construction	Matthew M Rosendale
9:00 AM	422	SB 114	Eliminate certain charges for motor vehicle registration	Janna Taylor
9:00 AM	422	SB 120	Increase from 1 to 3 the number of liquor licenses an individual may have	Edward Buttrey
9:00 AM	422	SB 99	Revise laws related to motor vehicle insurance verification	Alan Olson
9:00 AM	303	SB 113	Allow evidence of other crimes in prosecution of sexual offenses	Anders Blewett
3:00 PM	137	HB 39	Revise school finance laws to correct implementation problems	Bill McChesney
3:00 PM	152	HB 119	Allow payment of expenses for deceased Medicaid and MT healthy kid enrollees	Carolyn Pease-Lopez
3:00 PM	152	HB 75	Require DPHHS undertake accreditation process for children and family services	Carolyn Pease-Lopez
3:00 PM	152	HB 76	Creating an independent office of child and family ombudsman	Carolyn Pease-Lopez
3:00 PM	455	HB 155	Revise school bus safety laws	David (Doc) Moore
3:00 PM	455	HB 156	Revise local government laws related to municipal zoning	David (Doc) Moore
3:00 PM	455	HB 157	Allow split-weighting of commodities in transit	Pat Connell
3:00 PM	303	SB 2	Revise certain OPI reporting requirements	Tom Facey
3:00 PM	303	SB 32	Allow excess cash in student extracurricular funds to be invested	Tom Facey
3:00 PM	303	SB 78	Require elementary students to be proficient in reading before advancement	Dave Lewis
3:00 PM	405	SB 40	Generally revising provisions governing subdivision review	Edward Buttrey
3:00 PM	405	SB 41	Prohibiting consideration of future subdivision impact	Edward Buttrey
3:00 PM	405	SB 77	Revise municipal contract competitive bidding law - no bid required up to \$100K	John Brenden
3:00 PM	422	SB 18	Clarify taxation and ownership of river channel following an avulsion	Bradley Hamlett
3:00 PM	335	SB 36	Revise capitol complex advisory council membership	Terry Murphy
3:00 PM	335	SB 5	Clarify authority of local governments to store electronic documents off-site	Edward Buttrey
3:00 PM	335	SB 66	Clarify MAPA with respect to adoptions by reference in administrative rules	Ron Arthun
3:00 PM	335	SB 87	Eliminate student loan advisory council	Frederick (Eric) Moore

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

Time	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	137	HB 145	Revise the Montana Federal Mandates Accountability Act	Bill Harris
8:00 AM	137	HB 165	Revise laws related to speed upon approaching emergency or police vehicles	Amanda Curtis
8:00 AM	137	HB 168	Revise DUI laws for THC	David (Doc) Moore
8:00 AM	455	HB 110	Requiring consideration of guiding principles that have tribal implications	Carolyn Pease-Lopez
8:00 AM	455	HB 124	Clarify exemption for school districts and special districts in elections	Jesse O'Hara
8:00 AM	455	HB 125	Clarify when candidate's name is held off the ballot	Jesse O'Hara
8:00 AM	152	HB 66	Allow for electronic service of notices of levy and writs of execution	Brian Hoven
9:00 AM	152	SJ 2	Revenue estimate pursuant to the Joint Rules of the Legislature	Bruce Tutvedt
3:00 PM	152	HB 136	Revise nonresident youth combination hunting laws	Edith (Edie) McClafferty
3:00 PM	152	HB 142	Restore Dingell-Johnson fish restoration and management funding assent language	Pat Connell
3:00 PM	152	HB 150	Provide one free wolf license with game animal license	Champ Edmunds
3:00 PM	152	HB 27	Authorize use of sound suppressors while hunting certain large predators	Ted Washburn
3:00 PM	317	SB 26	Clarifying renewable portfolio standard provisions	Greg Jergeson
3:00 PM	317	SB 70	Eliminate dual regulation of certain refinery underground piping	Edward Walker
3:00 PM	317	SJ 6	Interim study of the impacts of Montana's renewable portfolio standard	Alan Olson
3:00 PM	405	SB 116	Revise special fuel user permit laws	Ron Arthun

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

Time	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	137	HB 172	Allow Montana state bar attorney member to serve as a judge pro tem	Jesse O'Hara
8:00 AM	405	SB 108	Renew Montana charitable endowment tax credit	Taylor Brown

2013 PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Below are three different lists of proposed legislation for the 2013 Legislative Session that have been introduced thus far. The MACo Resolutions & Introduced Legislation list includes bills that are associated with MACo Resolutions. The MACo Priority Watch List includes bills that we are watching very closely or with which we may have some involvement. The MACo Watch List includes bills that are on our radar.

MACo RESOLUTIONS & ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION

Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 164 LC1413	Revise when county commissioner district boundaries can be modified	2012-03	Amanda Curtis	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING WHEN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES MAY BE ALTERED; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-4-2102, MCA."			
HB 192 LC0542	Revise laws related to mobile home transfer and taxes	2010-13	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING MOBILE HOME TAX LAWS; REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OR CANCELLATION OF TAXES PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER OF INTEREST IN A MOBILE HOME OR HOUSETRAILER; ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CANCEL DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES ON A MOBILE HOME OR HOUSETRAILER TO BE MOVED FOR THE PURPOSES OF DESTRUCTION OR RECYCLING; AMENDING SECTION 15-24-202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			

MACo RESOLUTIONS & ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 193 LC1055	Authorize interim appointments of county elected officials	2012-08	Roger A Hagan	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Government
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT AN INTERIM OFFICER TO A COUNTY OFFICE UPON OCCURRENCE OF A VACANCY; REQUIRING THE INTERIM OFFICER TO HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF THE OFFICE; PROVIDING THAT THE INTERIM OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-4-2206, MCA."				
SB 72 LC0724	Revise the livestock per-capita assessment date	2012-11	Debby Barrett	(S) Hearing -- (S) Agriculture, Livestock & Irrigation 01/15/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE DATE ON WHICH CATTLE ARE COUNTED FOR PURPOSES OF LIVESTOCK ASSESSMENT FEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 81-6-104, 81-6-204, AND 81-6-209, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."				
SB 105 LC1063	Revise interim zoning laws	2010-09	Taylor Brown	(S) Introduced
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO PREVENT A PROPOSED USE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROHIBITING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO PREVENT AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-206, MCA."				
SB 116 LC0156	Revise special fuel user permit laws	2012-19	Ron Arthun	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Highways and Transportation
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING SPECIAL FUEL USER PERMIT LAWS; REPEALING THE SPECIAL FUEL USER'S PERMIT; REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR A PUBLIC CONTRACT BE PRODUCED USING SPECIAL FUEL ON WHICH STATE FUEL TAX HAS BEEN PAID; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-70-301, 15-70-311, 15-70-314, 15-70-321, 15-70-330, 15-70-356, AND 15-70-372, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-5-2316, 7-5-4316, 15-70-302, 15-70-303, 15-70-304, 15-70-305, 15-70-306, 15-70-307, 15-70-317, 15-70-323, 15-70-325, 15-70-327, 15-70-328, 15-70-329, 15-70-331, 15-70-332, 15-70-333, 15-70-334, 15-70-335, 15-70-336, 20-6-630, AND 60-2-118, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."				
LC0441	Require state coordination with local governments when requested	2012-20	Kelly Flynn	Draft On Hold
BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.				
LC0496	Eliminate requirement for annual absentee forms	2012-01	Ted Washburn	Draft On Hold
BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.				
LC0734	Generally revise tax increment financing districts	2010-19	Edward Buttrey	Draft Request Received
BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.				
LC0735	Allow Montana businesses to participate in technology districts	2010-22	Edward Buttrey	Draft Request Received
BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.				
LC0736	Revising local government legal holiday laws	2012-10	Keith Regier	Draft Request Received
BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.				
LC0915	Generally revise laws related to gravel pits	2012-15	Jim Peterson	Draft to Requester for Review
BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.				
LC1064	Increase justice court filing fees	2012-09	Terry Murphy	Draft Ready for Delivery
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING FEES IN JUSTICE'S COURT AND SMALL CLAIMS COURT; AMENDING SECTIONS 25-31-112 AND 25-35-608, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."				
LC1065	Generally revise emergency medical service laws	2012-05	David E Wanzanried	Draft Request Received
BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.				
LC1066	Generally revise public health laws	2010-17	David E Wanzanried	Draft Request Received
BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.				
LC1067	Provide for actuarial funding for public employee's retirement system	2012-EC3	Bryce Bennett	Draft On Hold
BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.				
LC1068	Provide for actuarial funding for the sheriff's retirement system	2012-EC4	Bryce Bennett	Draft On Hold
BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.				

MACo RESOLUTIONS & ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
LC1104	Revise laws related to distribution of overweight and oversize permit fees	2012-16	Alan Doane	Draft Ready for Delivery
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CERTAIN PERMITS FOR OVERSIZED AND OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES TO RETAIN THE FEES IMPOSED FOR THE PERMITS FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ROAD FUND; AMENDING SECTION 61-10-126, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."				
LC1145	Revise gasoline and vehicle fuel tax fund laws	2012-07	Pat Ingraham	Draft Delivered to Requester
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR WHICH A LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT MUST BE PUT TO A BID IF THE PROJECT IS FUNDED WITH GASOLINE TAXES; AMENDING 15-70-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."				
LC1172	Revise statutory dates related to filling mid-term county elected office	2012-04	Greg Jergeson	Draft Delivered to Requester
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING DATES FOR FILLING VACANCIES IN COUNTY ELECTED OFFICES; REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF THE COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR RATHER THAN THE CLERK AND RECORDER; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 3-10-201, 3-10-206, 7-4-2106, AND 7-4-2206, MCA."				
LC1286	Revise county public auction laws	2012-06	Pat Ingraham	Draft Request Received
BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.				
LC1296	Revise public safety communication laws	2012-17	Steve Lavin	Draft Ready for Delivery
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING LAWS GOVERNING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS; CREATING A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD; ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD; ESTABLISHING DUTIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; ALLOWING FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE CONTRACTS AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS; REQUIRING DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN AND A BIENNIAL REPORT; PROVIDING FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS JURISDICTION PLANS; CREATING A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN THE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING THE DEPARTMENT WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."				
LC1348	Revise membership and duties of the Montana public employees retirement board	2012-EC2	Pat Ingraham	Draft On Hold
BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.				
LC1353	Change the requirements for establishing a special speed zone	2012-18	Mitch Tropila	Draft Ready for Delivery
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CHANGING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL SPEED ZONE; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-309, MCA."				
LC1523	Revise local government laws related to public notice	2012-EC1	Bridget Smith	Draft Back for Redo
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-2121 AND 7-1-4127, MCA."				

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Duane Ankney	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Approps. Subcommittee on Natural Resources & Transportation 01/15/2013; 8:30 AM, Rm 317C
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015; ESTABLISHING A BALANCED 6 BUDGET; ESTABLISHING AN OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR OF THE 2014-2015 BIENNIUM; 7 ACCEPTING THE JUNE 30, 2012, UNASSIGNED GENERAL FUND BALANCE THAT WAS ESTABLISHED BASED ON GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES; AND 8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 11	Treasure state endowment program	Steve Gibson	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Approps. Subcomm. on Long-Range Planning 01/15/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 317B
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING GRANTS FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PLACING CONDITIONS UPON GRANTS AND FUNDS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR EMERGENCY GRANTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITIES FOR REGIONAL WATER PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 16	Revise involuntary commitment and emergency detention laws	Ellie Boldman Hill	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/15/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE STATUTES RELATED TO INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS; REVISING WHEN THE RIGHT OF THE RESPONDENT TO BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT A HEARING MAY BE WAIVED; ALLOWING EMERGENCY DETENTION OF A PERSON IF THE PERSON IS SUBSTANTIALLY UNABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERSON'S OWN BASIC NEEDS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 53-21-102, 53-21-119, AND 53-21-129, MCA."		
HB 38	Transfer GIS duties to state library	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration 01/11/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE ADMINISTRATION OF CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO THE STATE LIBRARY; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-11-1014, 7-11-1029, 7-6-212, 90-1-403, 90-1-404, 90-1-405, 90-1-406, 90-1-410, 90-1-411, AND 90-1-413, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 43	Create jail suicide prevention program in DPHHS	Steve Lavin	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/09/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ESTABLISH A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRIAGE SYSTEM FOR PARTICIPATING DETENTION CENTERS; PROVIDING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR PARTICIPATING DETENTION CENTERS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT RULES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 47	Revise certain county budgeting deadlines	Edie McClafferty	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Government 01/10/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING DATES BY WHICH A COUNTY MUST FIX CERTAIN SALARIES, ADOPT A BUDGET, FIX TAX LEVIES, AND ESTIMATE SPECIAL DISTRICT COSTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2504, 7-6-4024, 7-6-4036, AND 7-11-1025, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 53	Revise State Administration and Veteran Affairs statutory duties	Pat Ingraham	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (H) State Admin.
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE DUTIES OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE; AMENDING SECTION 5-5-228, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 69	Create jail suicide prevention program in board of crime control	Margie MacDonald	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/09/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDES IN DETENTION CENTERS; REQUIRING THE ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES BY THE BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL; INCREASING THE SURCHARGE ON CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION TO DETENTION CENTERS; PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL FUND LOAN; AMENDING SECTIONS 3-1-318, 7-6-2541, AND 7-32-2224, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 78	Clarify break in service requirements for postretirement employment under TRS	Keith Regier	Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING BREAK-IN-SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTRETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT IN A POSITION REPORTABLE TO THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-20-731 AND 19-20-733, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 90	Increase university system supplemental contributions rate to TRS	Jesse O'Hara	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM EMPLOYER SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRIBUTION RATE; AMENDING SECTION 19-20-621, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 91	Modify and expand public employee 457 deferred compensation program	Ryan Lynch	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/21/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT MODIFYING AND EXPANDING 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO INCLUDE ROTH ACCOUNTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-50-101 AND 19-50-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 95	Require contributions on working retiree compensation	Franke Wilmer	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPROVING THE ACTUARIAL UNFUNDED LIABILITY OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES', SHERIFFS', AND FIREFIGHTERS' UNIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS BY REQUIRING EMPLOYER AND STATE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WORKING RETIREES IN THOSE SYSTEMS; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-7-1101 AND 19-13-1101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 96	Provide actuarial funding for PERS, HPORS, GWPORS, SRS retirement systems	Franke Wilmer	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPROVING THE ACTUARIAL FUNDING STATUS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS BY TEMPORARILY INCREASING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-3-316, 19-3-2117, 19-6-404, 19-7-404, 19-8-504, AND 19-21-214, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 97	Cap highest/final average compensation in MPERA retirement systems	Franke Wilmer	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PLACING A CAP ON THE EARNINGS THAT MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE HIGHEST OR FINAL AVERAGE COMPENSATION USED TO DETERMINE A RETIREMENT BENEFIT UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES', JUDGES', HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS', SHERIFFS', GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS', MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS', AND FIREFIGHTERS' UNIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-2-303, 19-2-1005, 19-3-108, 19-5-101, 19-6-101, 19-7-101, 19-8-101, 19-9-104, AND 19-13-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 105	Generally revise MPERA retirement system laws concerning plan administration	Tom Steenberg	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE FIREFIGHTERS' UNIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' COMPENSATION ACT; REVISING PROVISIONS RELATED TO RETIREMENT, DISABILITY, AND DEATH BENEFITS AND PAYMENTS; REVISING PROVISIONS RELATED TO OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP, SERVICE CREDIT, AND REEMPLOYMENT; PROVIDING FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE EMPLOYEE INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL; REVISING DEATH BENEFITS UNDER THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; REVISING CANCELLATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF DISABILITY BENEFITS UNDER THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' COMPENSATION ACT; CORRECTING TERMINOLOGY AND INTERNAL REFERENCES; ELIMINATING EXPIRED PROVISIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-2-303, 19-2-403, 19-2-406, 19-2-505, 19-2-706, 19-2-801, 19-2-907, 19-3-412, 19-3-512, 19-3-908, 19-3-1103, 19-3-1106, 19-3-1210, 19-3-1501, 19-3-2133, 19-3-2141, 19-5-601, 19-5-701, 19-5-801, 19-5-802, 19-6-601, 19-7-503, 19-7-601, 19-7-901, 19-7-1001, 19-8-302, 19-8-701, 19-8-801, 19-8-1002, 19-9-710, 19-9-1007, 19-13-104, 19-13-803, AND 19-17-605, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 19-3-1005, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 112	Improve actuarial funding for teachers' retirement system	Jean Price	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING PROVISIONS OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM'S ACTUARIAL FUNDING; CREATING TWO MEMBERSHIP TIERS; INCREASING EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; AUTHORIZING THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD TO ADJUST CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; REVISING HOW AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION IS CALCULATED FOR NEW MEMBERS; REVISING SERVICE RETIREMENT AND EARLY RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY FOR NEW MEMBERS; REVISING DEATH AND DISABILITY BENEFIT PROVISIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS; REVISING THE BENEFIT MULTIPLIER FOR NEW MEMBERS; STATUTORILY APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE ACCOUNT TO THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-20-101, 19-20-208, 19-20-409, 19-20-427, 19-20-602, 19-20-605, 19-20-716, 19-20-732, 19-20-801, 19-20-802, 19-20-804, 19-20-805, 19-20-901, 19-20-1001, 20-9-501, AND 20-9-622, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 122	Ensure federal IRS qualification of MPERA retirement systems	Bryce Bennett	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/21/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING PROVISIONS RELATED TO FEDERAL TAX QUALIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE FIREFIGHTERS' UNIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE" TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF COSTS FOR CERTAIN ACTUARIAL WORK; REVISING MAXIMUM COMPENSATION AND MAXIMUM BENEFIT PROVISIONS, LIMITATIONS ON ELIGIBLE ROLLOVER DISTRIBUTIONS, MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICE RETIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-2-303, 19-2-405, 19-2-1001, 19-2-1011, 19-2-1014, 19-3-901, 19-5-501, 19-6-501, 19-7-501, 19-8-601, 19-9-801, 19-13-701, AND 19-50-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 134	Define certain investigators in state auditor's office as peace officers	Steve Lavin	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STATE AUDITOR TO DESIGNATE SECURITIES AND INSURANCE INVESTIGATORS AS PEACE OFFICERS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-32-303, 30-10-304, AND 33-1-311, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 4	Generally revise property reappraisal laws	Jim Peterson	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ONE 2-YEAR REVALUATION CYCLE BEGINNING IN 2015 TO BE FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL REVALUATION THEREAFTER FOR CLASS THREE AGRICULTURAL LAND, CLASS FOUR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND CLASS TEN FOREST LAND FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; CLARIFYING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND FOREST LAND TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE NEW REAPPRAISAL PROCESS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-134, 15-6-222, 15-7-102, 15-7-103, 15-7-111, 15-7-112, 15-7-131, 15-7-139, 15-7-201, 15-8-111, 15-10-420, 15-15-102, 15-16-101, 15-24-3202, 15-24-3203, 15-44-103, AND 77-1-208, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 15-6-193, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."		
SB 5	Clarify authority of local governments to store electronic documents off-site	Edward Buttrey	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 01/16/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT ELECTRONIC RECORDS FOR A COUNTY MAY BE STORED AT A LOCATION SEPARATE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-5-2131, MCA."		
SB 6	Require surrender of license plates if driver is uninsured	Edward Buttrey	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Highways & Transportation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A VEHICLE OPERATOR WHO DOES NOT PROVIDE PROOF OF MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE OR AN INDEMNITY BOND TO SURRENDER THE LICENSE PLATES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE RETURN OF THE LICENSE PLATES; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-6-302, MCA."		
SB 19	Define combined appropriation for exempt wells	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Natural Resources
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DEFINING THE TERM "COMBINED APPROPRIATION" FOR WATER WELLS AND DEVELOPED SPRINGS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM PERMITTING; CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "DEVELOPED SPRING"; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 85-2-102 AND 85-2-306, MCA."		
SB 23	Revise interim zoning laws	Matthew M Rosendale	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 01/14/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING COUNTY INTERIM ZONING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES; REQUIRING A COUNTY TO INITIATE A STUDY OR INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY; LIMITING A RESOLUTION FOR AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO 182 DAYS FROM THE DATE IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE; ELIMINATING THE SPECIFICATION OF EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR THE EXTENSION OF A RESOLUTION FOR AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-206, MCA."		
SB 38	Establish stream depletion zones for exempt wells	Chas Vincent	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Natural Resources
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DEFINING "STREAM DEPLETION ZONES"; REDUCING THE EXEMPTION FOR GROUND WATER APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN STREAM DEPLETION ZONES; LIMITING AREAS WHERE STREAM DEPLETION ZONES MAY BE ESTABLISHED; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 85-2-102 AND 85-2-306, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 54	Require worker's compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters	Tom Facey	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 01/21/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS; REQUIRING EACH COUNTY GOVERNING BODY TO ESTABLISH A FUND FOR PAYING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS; ALLOWING COUNTY GOVERNING BODIES TO IMPOSE A PERMISSIVE LEVY FOR PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS; EXCLUDING CERTAIN CITIES FROM THE PROPERTY TAX PERMISSIVE LEVY FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' WORKERS' COMPENSATION; REVISING PREMIUM AND BENEFIT PROVISIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND CERTAIN VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; SUPERSEDING THE UNFUNDED MANDATE LAWS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-6-621, 7-33-2109, 7-33-2209, 7-33-2403, 7-33-4111, 15-10-420, 39-71-118, 39-71-123, AND 39-71-401, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 55	Clarify coverage of routine costs for patients in approved clinical trials	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Hearing -- (S) Public Health, Welfare & Safety 01/14/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT ISSUERS OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE MAY NOT DENY ROUTINE PATIENT COSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN AN APPROVED CLINICAL TRIAL; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-704, 33-22-101, 33-31-111, 33-35-306, 53-4-1005, AND 53-6-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
SB 56	Eliminate calculation errors of taxes, fees, and assessments to local government	Larry Jent	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/16/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE CALCULATION OF FEES AND ASSESSMENTS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE COMPUTATION OF PROPERTY TAXES; LIMITING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE'S ROLE IN CALCULATING FEES AND ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE NOT MILL-RELATED FOR ENTRY OF TAXES; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-13-4524 AND 15-10-305, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 77	Revise municipal contract competitive bidding law - no bid required up to \$100K	John Brenden	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 01/16/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT RAISING FROM \$50,000 TO \$100,000 THE CONTRACT AMOUNT ON CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS THAT REQUIRE USE OF THE COMPETITIVE, ADVERTISED BIDDING PROCESS; AMENDING SECTION 7-5-4302, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 82	Require PERS new hires to be in DC plan	Dave Lewis	(S) Introduced
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING NEW HIRES INTO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO BE MEMBERS OF THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN; ALLOWING CERTAIN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN MEMBERS AN OPTION TO SWITCH TO THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN; REVISING VESTING PROVISIONS FOR DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN MEMBERS; REQUIRING THE GOVERNOR TO INCLUDE IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET THE FUNDING NECESSARY TO AMORTIZE THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN; REQUIRING THE BOARD TO SEEK A RULING OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND MAKING THE ACT CONTINGENT ON A FAVORABLE RULING; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-7-111, 17-7-112, 19-2-303, 19-2-403, 19-2-407, 19-2-715, 19-3-108, 19-3-316, 19-3-319, 19-3-401, 19-3-412, 19-3-2101, 19-3-2106, 19-3-2111, 19-3-2112, 19-3-2113, 19-3-2114, 19-3-2115, 19-3-2116, 19-3-2117, 19-3-2126, 19-3-2141, AND 19-21-214, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 19-3-2121, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."		
SB 99	Revise laws related to motor vehicle insurance verification	Alan Olson	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Business, Labor, & Economic Affairs
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING INSURANCE VERIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 61-3-303, 61-3-312, AND 61-6-105, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		

MACo WATCH LIST

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 4	Appropriations by budget amendment	Duane Ankney	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 5	Long-range building appropriations	Duane Ankney	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 6	Renewable resource grants	Rob Cook	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Approps. Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning 01/14/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 317B
HB 7	Reclamation and development grants	Rob Cook	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 8	Renewable resource bonds and loans	Rob Cook	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 9	Cultural and aesthetic grants	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 10	Long-range information technology appropriations	JP Pomnichowski	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 12	Appropriate funds for provider payments	Carolyn Pease-Lopez	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 13	State employee pay plan	Kathy Swanson	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 14	Bonding program	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 19	Revise penalty and interest provisions related to tax law enforcement	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/11/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 21	Generally revise statutory appropriation laws	Rob Cook	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 01/10/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 22	Generally revise state auditor laws on insurance	Kimberly Dudik	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 30	Revise late registration laws	Ted Washburn	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/14/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 33	Revising large predator laws	Ted Washburn	(H) Hearing -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 01/15/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 35	Clarifying the laws related to property tax adjustments	Mike Miller	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 36	Remove statutory references to local government severance tax	Carlie Boland	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/14/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 37	Allow temporary leasing of water rights	Bill McChesney	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Natural Resources
HB 39	Revise school finance laws to correct implementation problems	Bill McChesney	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 01/16/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HB 42	Revise laws related to destruction of property by minors	Keith Regier	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 44	Update criminal intelligence information section and advisory council	Steve Lavin	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
HB 48	Revise Insure Montana laws	Bill McChesney	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor 01/15/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 172
HB 50	Prohibit immigration sanctuary policies by local governments	David Howard	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/14/2013; 09:00 am, Rm 137
HB 54	Revise teacher's retirement system administrative and tax qualification laws	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/15/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 59	Revise title of governor's drought advisory committee	Ryan Lynch	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 01/14/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 66	Allow for electronic service of notices of levy and writs of execution	Brian Hoven	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 71	Clarifying restorative justice laws and establish grant program	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/16/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 72	Allow restorative justice as condition of suspended or deferred sentence	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/16/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 74	Require disclosure of child abuse to DPHHS to law enforcement in all cases	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/16/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 137

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 77	Revise public assistance laws relating to counties	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 01/15/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 79	Constitutional referendum to rename the State Auditor	Tom Berry	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Admin.
HB 80	Authorizing peace officer status for corrections criminal investigators	Steve Lavin	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/16/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 82	Revise applicability of extraterritorial worker's compensation agreements	Scott Reichner	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 84	Revise 72-hour presumptive eligibility requirements for crisis stabilization	Pat Noonan	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 01/14/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 87	Provide state insurance commissioner with health insurance rate review authority	Jeffrey W Welborn	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 89	Allow de minimus refund of abandoned property or closed estates	Ryan Lynch	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 91	Modify and expand public employee 457 deferred compensation program	Ryan Lynch	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/21/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 95	Require contributions on working retiree compensation	Franke Wilmer	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 96	Provide actuarial funding for PERS, HPORS, GWPORS, SRS retirement systems	Franke Wilmer	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Admin.
HB 97	Cap highest/final average compensation in MPERA retirement systems	Franke Wilmer	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Admin.
HB 102	Create advisory committee on cost-base medicaid mental health rate reimbursement	Ron Ehli	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services
HB 105	Generally revise MPERA retirement system laws concerning plan administration	Tom Steenberg	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Admin.
HB 106	Generally revise water use laws	Pat Connell	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Natural Resources
HB 108	Revise registration and proof of identity requirements for voting	Ted Washburn	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/16/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 111	Repeal business equipment tax reduction for value-added manufacturing	Mike Miller	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/14/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 112	Improve actuarial funding for teachers' retirement system	Jean Price	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Admin.
HB 119	Allow payment of expenses for deceased Medicaid and MT healthy kid enrollees	Carolyn Pease-Lopez	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 01/16/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 120	Generally revise election laws	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/16/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 121	Revise property valuation laws for tax purposes for certain timber lands	Pat Ingraham	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 125	Clarify when candidate's name is held off the ballot	Jesse O'Hara	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/17/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 126	Generally revise ballot issues and petition statutes	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/16/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 129	Revise campaign finance and disclosure laws	Steve Gibson	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/11/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 130	Revise uninsured employer's fund laws	Steve Fitzpatrick	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor 01/11/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 172
HB 139	Update laws governing law enforcement communications system	Steve Lavin	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 142	Restore Dingell-Johnson fish restoration and management funding assent language	Pat Connell	(H) Hearing -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 01/17/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 145	Revise the Montana Federal Mandates Accountability Act	Bill Harris	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 146	Generally revise laws related to solid waste licenses and fees	Kris Hansen	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 01/14/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 148	Clarifying local gov't authority to regulate amateur radio operators	Pat Connell	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 01/15/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 172

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 149	Revise ditch easement laws	Pat Connell	(H) Hearing -- (H) Agriculture 01/15/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 152	Provide deadlines for governing bodies to review tax exemption applications	Steve Fitzpatrick	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/16/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 154	Enable county attorney to act as legal advisor to irrigation board if requested	David (Doc) Moore	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Gov.
HB 156	Revise local government laws related to municipal zoning	David (Doc) Moore	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/16/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 158	Require agency's to present proposed rules to interim committees	Doug Kary	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Admin.
HB 159	Generally revise the Montana Administrative Procedure Act	Keith Regier	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Admin.
HB 160	Require that aquatic invasive programs be funded by state general fund	Ted Washburn	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 01/15/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 162	Revise state employee health insurance program laws	Kelly Flynn	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services
HB 165	Revise laws related to speed upon approaching emergency or police vehicles	Amanda Curtis	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 168	Revise DUI laws for THC	David (Doc) Moore	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 169	Allow growth policy to be used for coordination	Kerry White	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Gov.
HB 174	Provide for a property tax freeze for Montanans age 65 or older or disabled	David (Doc) Moore	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 176	Increase amount of oil and nat. gas prod. taxes retained by school district	David Halvorson	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 01/21/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HB 177	Requiring school districts to budget 25% of total oil and nat. gas prod. taxes	David Halvorson	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 01/21/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HJ 2	Interim study investigating state/local gov electronic records management	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/15/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HR 1	House Rules Resolution	Cary Smith	(H) Filed with Secretary of State
SB 10	Provide for licensure and regulation of mental health peer support specialists	Mary Caferro	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 01/11/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 16	Revise tax increment financing laws related to distribution	Dick Barrett	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/11/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 22	Allow for recording notice of tax lien with the secretary of state	Ron Arthun	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/10/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 24	Revise zoning laws for sand and gravel operations	Matthew M Rosendale	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 01/14/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 25	Increase reimbursement rates for pupil transportation	Greg Jergeson	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources
SB 27	Revise Insure Montana laws to expand small employer definition	Cliff Larsen	(S) Hearing -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety 01/25/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
SB 30	Revise big sky trust fund wage rate laws	Edward Buttrey	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 01/11/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 33	Revise disaster relief expenditure laws	Larry Jent	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 01/14/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 34	Create unclaimed life insurance benefits act	Mary Caferro	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/11/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 35	Revise statutory requirements for notarization of certain documents	Jim Keane	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 01/14/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 37	Declaring conceal weapon permit app. info as confidential criminal justice info	Terry Murphy	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/09/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 39	Eliminate DNRC report on wildland/urban interface designation	Chas Vincent	(S) Hearing -- (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation 01/10/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 40	Generally revising provisions governing subdivision review	Edward Buttrey	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 01/16/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 41	Prohibiting consideration of future subdivision impact	Edward Buttrey	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 01/16/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 48	Establish regional water system rate process	Greg Jergeson	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 01/14/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 53	Revise penalties for certain misdemeanor offenses	Robyn Driscoll	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/09/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 55	Clarify coverage of routine costs for patients in approved clinical trials	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Hearing -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety 01/14/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
SB 57	Adopt certain uniform laws commission language for military/overseas ballots	Larry Jent	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 01/14/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 65	Revise laws relating to confidentiality of child abuse and neglect reports	Art Wittich	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/11/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 67	Revise certain statutory report requirements to the legislature	Kendall Van Dyk	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
SB 68	Revise ballot return envelope requirements to reflect extra postage required	Robyn Driscoll	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
SB 71	Code commissioner bill	Mitch Tropila	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/11/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 73	Repeal DARE program	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/14/2013; 10:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 96	Lower the business and equipment tax	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation
SB 97	Revise redistricting laws to reduce the number of House and Senate seats	Jason Priest	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/15/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 98	Revise redistricting laws to reduce the number of House and Senate seats	Jason Priest	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/15/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 100	25% new resource development revenue to fund education	Dee Brown	(S) Introduced
SB 108	Renew Montana charitable endowment tax credit	Taylor Brown	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/18/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 110	Provide for a crime prevention program	Taylor Brown	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
SB 111	Revise highway laws	Matthew M Rosendale	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways & Transportation 01/15/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 114	Eliminate certain charges for motor vehicle registration	Janna Taylor	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 115	Revise medical malpractice laws to contain health care costs	Janna Taylor	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
SJ 1	Joint Rules Resolution	Art Wittich	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Rules
SJ 2	Revenue estimate pursuant to the Joint Rules of the Legislature	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/17/2013; 09:00 AM, Rm 152
SR 1	Senate Rules Resolution	Art Wittich	(S) Sent to Enrolling

* after status indicates the bill is **probably** dead: "Probably Dead" is a Bill Progress Category, and is assigned to those bills that have been voted down or missed a transmittal deadline, and to those bill drafts that have been canceled. To revive a bill that is "probably dead" typically requires a supermajority vote (usually a 2/3 vote) by the House or Senate.

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