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MACo PENSION UPDATE

“BY THE NUMBERS”

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As everyone knows, the Montana Public Employee Retirement Systems (PERS) have significant unfunded liabilities. Out of the eight public retirement systems, our counties have employees in PERS: Defined Benefit Plan (PERS) and the Sheriff's and Peace Officers Retirement System (SRS). FY1 – 95% of the members of SRS are county employees. (While some counties have employees who have selected to participate in PERS – Define Contribution Plan, that is a separate system that is not involved in these discussions.)

So what are the numbers, and how do they affect Montana Counties?

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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PERB-Administered Retirement Systems Actuarial Valuation Results June 30, 2012 (\$ in millions)

	PERS	SRS
AAL	\$ 5,661.2	\$284.5
AVA	\$3,816.9	\$211.5
UAL	\$1,844.3	\$73.0
Est. % of County portion of UAL	18%	95%
Est. \$ of County portion of UAL	\$331,974.	\$69,350.
Funded Ratio	67.6%	74.3%
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Statutory Contribution Rate	14.13%	19.36%
NC Rate	11.80%	18.73%
Available for Amortization	2.34%	0.63%
Years to Amortize	Does Not Amortize	Does Not Amortize
Shortfall	6.527%	5.850%

AAL (Actuarial Accrued Liability): The cost of the future benefit payments for current members and retirees.

AVA (Actuarial Value of Assets): Market value of assets smoothed (averaged) over 4 years. This helps to flatten out short-term market volatility.

UAL (Unfunded Actuarial Liability): The excess, if any, of the Actuarial Liability over Actuarial Value of Assets.

Funded Ratio: The ratio of the Actuarial Liabilities to the Actuarial Value of Assets.

NC (Normal Cost): The average cost of membership (an actuary's best guess about what currently accruing benefits will cost when they are paid in the future)

So what is being done to address the issue? As of this writing, there have been 27 bills introduced regarding the pension systems, and there are 30 draft requests awaiting bill drafting. Note: Not all will be drafted, as some are just “placeholder” titles.

Introduced Bill Status	Pending Bill Drafts Status
3 Tabled Bills	3 Canceled/Died in Process
5 Passed on to Other House	7 Drafted and in Review Before Introduction
10 Pending Committee Action	20 Placeholders – Drafts Pending
2 Scheduled for Hearing	
7 Pending Scheduling for Hearing	

HB 95, REQUIRE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS ON WORKING RETIREE COMPENSATION

The survey results are in! A big thank you to the 42 counties that responded! The survey results can be reviewed [by clicking here](#).

The survey results were presented to the Joint Select Committee on Pensions during the hearing on [HB 95](#) on Thursday, January 31.

MACo supported the bill based on the results of the survey but did clarify that counties are not hiring working retirees in place of

budgeted FTE's, based on the information provided that 36 out of the 42 counties answered "NO" to this question.

As there were no opponents, the Committee took Executive Action on the bill right after the hearing, and it passed unanimously. It will be scheduled for 2nd reading on the floor early next week.

2013 SESSION CALENDAR

As Revised by Legislative Leadership and Adoption of Joint Rules — January 18, 2013

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
- Jan. 21: Last day to request General Bills
- Jan. 24: Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Senate Joint Resolution
- Jan. 26: Last day to request Revenue Bills

- Feb. 18: Last day for Committee to request General Bills
- Feb. 28: Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber; Last day to request Appropriation Bills**
- March 1-March 3: Transmittal Break
- March 20: Last day to request Study Resolutions
- March 22: Last day to request Bills Proposing Referendums or for Committee to request Revenue Bills
- March 28: Transmittal of Appropriation Bills; Last day to request Committee Bills to implement HB 2
- April 5: Transmittal of Revenue Bills and Bills Proposing Referendums
- April 8: Transmittal of amendments to General Bills
- April 16: Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
- April 18: Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills, Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions, and Bills Proposing Referendums
- April 22: Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
- April 27: 90th Legislative Day – Sine Die

SCHEDULED HEARINGS: FEBRUARY 4-FEBRUARY 8, 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.**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4					
Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Approps. Subcom. on Gen. Gov.	350	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Duane Ankney
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning	317B	HB 15	School facility grant program	Edith (Edie) McClafferty
8:30 AM	(H) Joint Approps. Subcom. on Education	472	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Duane Ankney

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4 (CONTINUED)

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 105	Generally revise MPERA retirement system laws concerning plan administration	Tom Steenberg
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 254	Requiring a disclaimer on election materials funded by anonymous contributions	Rob Cook
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 255	Require political action committees to report on expenditures	Rob Cook
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 97	Cap highest/final average compensation in MPERA retirement systems	Franke Wilmer
11:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 287	Enhance penalty for consumer protection violations	Daniel R Salomon
11:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 87	Provide state insurance commissioner with health insurance rate review authority	Jeffrey W Welborn
11:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 213	Revise sex offender registration laws	Cliff Larsen
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 11	Treasure state endowment program	Steve Gibson
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 7	Reclamation and development grants	Rob Cook
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 301	Revise school bonding limits	David Halvorson
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 307	Revise inflation-related adjustments to K-12 basic and per ANB entitlements	Edith McClafferty
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	SB 32	Allow excess cash in student extracurricular funds to be invested	Tom Facey
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	SB 87	Eliminate student loan advisory council	Frederick Moore
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	HJ 9	Joint resolution supporting coal	Jonathan McNiven
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 289	Study institutions serving people with mental illness and other conditions	Jennifer Eck
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	SB 65	Revise laws relating to confidentiality of child abuse and neglect reports	Art Wittich
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 300	Provide for passenger accountability in motor vehicle accidents	Daniel R Salomon
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 305	Generally revise laws regarding demonstrator license plates	Mike Lang
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	303	SB 199	Revise laws related to technology acquisition and depreciation funding	Fred Thomas
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	303	SJ 10	Interim study resolution on efficiency of agencies related to education	Jonathan Windy Boy
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	303	SJ 8	Resolution recognizing the military service of Montanans in the armed services	Cliff Larsen
3:00 PM	(S) Local Government	405	HB 47	Revise certain county budgeting deadlines	Edith McClafferty
3:00 PM	(S) Local Government	405	SJ 9	Resolution providing due process for property rights	Janna Taylor
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	HJ 1	Interim study of structure and duties of office of comm of political practices	Joanne G Blyton
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 185	Revise veteran public employment hiring laws	Jon C Sesso

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 335	Revise sexual offender laws	Jennifer Eck
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 352	Revise justice court laws	Steve Fitzpatrick
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 325	Revising legal holiday laws	Keith Regier
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 327	Allowing youth election judges	Franke Wilmer
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 329	Prohibit state employee testimony on policy matter before legislative committees	Randy Brodehl
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 208	Revise tax laws related to water's edge elections	Dick Barrett
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 209	Authorize resort area district to issue bonds and pledge resort tax revenue	Ron Arthun
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 264	Exempt senior citizens' center from operator's license requirements	Pat Ingraham

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 (CONTINUED)

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 316	Revise fuel tax revenue to fund local public transportation	Nancy Wilson
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 107	Revise laws related to legal counsel representation in abuse and neglect cases	Ryan Lynch
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 137	Clarify application of parole eligibility for juvenile offenders	Kimberly Dudik
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 17	Revise or eliminate certain DOJ advisory councils and reports	Ellie Boldman Hill
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 196	Generally revise criminal laws	Matthew M Rosendale
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	472	HB 337	Revise laws related to Department of Livestock rulemaking authority	Alan Redfield
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 168	Revise DUI laws for THC	David (Doc) Moore
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 189	Revise hail insurance maximum	Dennis R Lenz
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 19	Revise penalty and interest provisions related to tax law enforcement	Roy Hollandsworth
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	HB 298	Study relations between the Dept, of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and landowners	Wendy Warburton
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	HB 324	Revise provisions of the nonresident trapper license	Wendy Warburton
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	HB 328	Allowing hunter notification of wild buffalo/bison location	Ted Washburn
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	SB 86	Separate agisters' liens from mechanics liens	Frederick Moore
3:00 PM	(S) Energy and Telecommunications	317	SB 180	Revise eminent domain laws	Debby Barrett
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	HB 73	Revise wolf hunting laws	Kelly Flynn
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	SB 197	Create apprentice hunter certificate	Scott Boulanger
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	SB 204	Amend constitution to prohibit fishing/hunting/trapping laws by initiative	Larry Jent
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	HB 55	Remove federally preempted motor carrier regulations	Austin Knudsen
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	SB 202	Revise traffic laws	Christine Kaufmann

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 332	Revise tax laws to increase the business equipment tax threshold	Mary McNally
9:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 58	Creating a brew on-premises license	Pat Noonan
9:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SJ 11	Calls on Governor to establish a Canada trade center	Dee Brown
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 195	Revise laws protecting job applicant/employee privacy related to social media	Anders Blewett
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 219	Require policies to discourage bullying in schools	Jean Price
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 313	Revise school truancy laws	Casey Schreiner
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 238	Consider housing needs in discharge plans from mental health facilities	Ellie Boldman Hill
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	SB 51	Eliminate report on medical parolee health care costs	Shannon Augare
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 233	Generally revise 24/7 sobriety program	Steve Lavin
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 331	Revise transportation commission laws	Nancy Wilson
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 334	Revise department of transportation contracting laws	Jennifer Eck

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 65	Revise consumer loan laws	JP Pomnichowski
9:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 184	Provide for offset of economic consumption expenses in survival actions	Bruce Tutvedt
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 176	Generally revise voting requirements and procedures for non-profit organizations	Jim Peterson
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 207	Adopt Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act	Kendall Van Dyk

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 198	Revise laws related to penalties for assault on a minor	Fred Thomas
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 9	Establish the corrections advisory council	Terry Murphy
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	SB 141	Revise definitions for certain common carrier pipelines	Alan Olson
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 306	Revise laws regarding certificate of need for ambulatory surgical centers	Ron Ehli
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 309	Revise supplemental nutrition assistance program funding laws	Franke Wilmer
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 299	Name portion of highway 2 in Blaine County for slain officers	Wendy Warburton
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	422	SB 214	Revise environmental review process to include analysis of impact beyond Montana	Mike Phillips

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) Transmitted to Senate
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) 3rd Reading Passed
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."				
HB 193 LC1055	Authorize interim appointments of county elected officials	2012-08	Roger A Hagan	(H) Transmitted to Senate
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."				
HB 194 LC1145	Revise gasoline and vehicle fuel tax fund laws	2012-07	Pat Ingraham	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
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."				

MACo RESOLUTIONS & ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 206 LC1064	Increase justice court filing fees	2012-09	Kelly Flynn	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
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."				
HB 216 LC1104	Revise laws related to distribution of overweight and oversize permit fees	2012-16	Alan Doane	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Transportation
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."				
HB 258 LC1523	Revise local government laws related to public notice	2012-EC1	Bridget Smith	(H) Committee Executive Action-- -Bill Passed -- (H) Local Gov.
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."				
HB 325 LC0736	Revising legal holiday laws	2012-10	Keith Regier	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 02/05/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING WHAT IS CONSIDERED A HOLIDAY IF A LEGAL HOLIDAY FALLS ON A SATURDAY; AND AMENDING SECTION 1-1-216, MCA."				
HB 326 LC0441	Require state coordination with local governments when requested	2012-20	Kelly Flynn	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Government
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A COUNTY TO ESTABLISH COORDINATING COUNTY STATUS WITH STATE AGENCIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING A PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING THE STATUS; REQUIRING AN AGENCY IDENTIFIED BY THE COUNTY TO COORDINATE, HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND CONSULT WITH COUNTY OFFICIALS PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN POLICIES OR REGULATIONS; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION FOR EMERGENCIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."				
SB 72 LC0724	Revise the livestock per-capita assessment date	2012-11	Debby Barrett	(H) Hearing -- (H) Agriculture 01/29/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
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) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 01/30/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
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) Transmitted to House
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; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS OBTAIN CERTAIN SPECIAL FUEL USER'S TEMPORARY PERMITS; CLARIFYING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE TAX ON SPECIAL FUEL AND VOLATILE LIQUIDS; 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."				
SB 132 LC1172	Revise statutory dates related to filling mid-term county elected office	2012-04	Greg Jergeson	(S) Transmitted to House
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."				
SB 161 LC1353	Change the requirements for establishing a special speed zone	2012-18	Mitch Tropila	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CHANGING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL SPEED ZONE; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-309, MCA."				
SB 234 LC0915	Provisional permits for gravel pits	2012-15	Jim Peterson	Draft Delivered to Requester
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING OPENCUT MINING LAWS; PROVIDING CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS TO PERMIT REQUIREMENTS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 82-4-431, 82-4-441, AND 82-4-442, MCA."				

MACo RESOLUTIONS & ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
LC0496	Eliminate requirement for annual absentee forms	2012-01	Ted Washburn	Draft Ready for Delivery
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REPLACING MANDATORY ANNUAL ABSENTEE BALLOT LIST ADDRESS CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS WITH OPTIONAL PROCEDURES; AMENDING THE STANDARD VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST APPLICATION; ALLOWING ELECTORS TO REQUEST REMOVAL FROM THE ABSENTEE BALLOT LIST; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-210, 13-13-212, AND 13-21-210, MCA."			
LC0734	Generally revise tax increment financing districts	2010-19	Edward Buttrey	Draft Ready for Delivery
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT LAWS; PROVIDING FOR CREATION OF TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS; ALLOWING COUNTIES TO CREATE TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS AND TO USE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING; ADDING COMPONENTS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN; REMOVING PROVISIONS FOR CREATION OF AND BONDING IN TECHNOLOGY DISTRICTS, AEROSPACE TRANSPORTATION AND TECHNOLOGY DISTRICTS, AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-15-4282, 7-15-4283, 7-15-4284, 7-15-4286, 7-15-4288, 7-15-4290, 7-15-4292, 7-15-4293, 7-15-4294, 7-15-4301, 7-15-4302, 7-15-4304, AND 7-15-4324, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-15-4295, 7-15-4296, 7-15-4297, 7-15-4298, 7-15-4299, AND 17-5-820, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."			
LC0735	Allow Montana businesses to participate in technology districts	2010-22	Edward Buttrey	Draft Ready for Delivery
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED ON A BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION IN A TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT REGARDING THE PERCENTAGE OF SALES THAT MUST OCCUR OUTSIDE MONTANA; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-15-4295, MCA."			
LC1065	Generally revise emergency medical service laws	2012-05	David E Wanzenried	Draft On Hold
	BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			
LC1066	Generally revise public health laws	2010-17	David E Wanzenried	Draft On Hold
	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.			
LC1286	Revise county public auction laws	2012-06	Pat Ingraham	Draft to Requester for Review
	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."			
LC1315	Revise noxious weed laws	2012-14	Terry Murphy	Draft Request Received
	BILL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			
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.			

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Duane Ankney	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Approps. Subcom. on Education 02/04/2013; 8:30 AM, Rm 472
	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) Appropriations 02/04/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
	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) Committee Executive Action-- Bill Passed -- (H) Appropriations
	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 IN CERTAIN CASES ; 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) Transmitted to Senate
	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) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
	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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 02/04/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	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, 20-9-152, AND 20-15-313 , MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 53	Revise State Administration and Veteran Affairs statutory duties	Pat Ingraham	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 02/01/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	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) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
	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	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/23/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
	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."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 91	Modify and expand public employee 457 deferred compensation program	Ryan Lynch	(H) Transmitted to Senate
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) Hearing -- (H) Joint Select Committee on Pensions 01/31/2013; 8:30 AM, Rm 317A
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) Hearing -- (H) Joint Select Committee on Pensions 01/29/2013; 8:30 AM, Rm 317A
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) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 02/04/2013; 9:00 am, Rm 455
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) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 02/04/2013; 9:00 am, Rm 455
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 122	Ensure federal IRS qualification of MPERA retirement systems	Bryce Bennett	(H) Transmitted to Senate
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."			

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 167	Generally revise the teachers' retirement system	Bryce Bennett	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Joint Select Committee on Pensions
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; PROVIDING AN ENHANCED RETIREMENT BENEFIT KNOWN AS THE "PROFESSIONAL RETIREMENT OPTION" FOR NEW MEMBERS OF THE SYSTEM; CREATING TWO MEMBERSHIP TIERS WITHIN THE SYSTEM; REVISING THE CALCULATION OF AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION FOR NEW MEMBERS; REVISING ELIGIBILITY FOR EARLY AND NORMAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR NEW MEMBERS; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-20-101, 19-20-602, 19-20-715, 19-20-801, 19-20-802, 19-20-804, AND 19-20-805, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 175	Include dispatchers in the sheriffs' retirement system	Franke Wilmer	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Select Committee on Pensions 01/31/2013; 8:30 AM, Rm 317A
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS, ALSO KNOWN AS DISPATCHERS, FROM THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-7-101, 19-7-301, AND 19-7-302, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 185	Revise assessment/fee procedures for park districts	Clayton Fiscus	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/24/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING PROCEDURES FOR LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT OR IMPOSING A FEE IN A PARK DISTRICT; REQUIRING A REFERENDUM AND DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL DATA; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-11-1011 AND 7-11-1025, MCA."		
HB 231	Revise local government compensation laws related to county sheriff deputies	Brian Hoven	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 01/24/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE METHOD OF SETTING COMPENSATION FOR UNDERSHERIFFS AND SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2503, 7-4-2505, 7-4-2507, 7-4-2510, AND 7-32-104, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 7-4-2508, MCA."		
HB 234	Revise definition of compensation in police and fire retirement systems	Steve Fitzpatrick	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Select Committee on Pensions 01/31/2013; 8:30 AM, Rm 317A
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "COMPENSATION" USED FOR CALCULATING RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS UNDER THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE FIREFIGHTERS' UNIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 19-9-104 AND 19-13-104, MCA."		
HB 282	Constitutional amendment regarding public employee retirement systems	Kirk Wagoner	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Joint Select Committee on Pensions
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES UNLESS THE PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS ARE FUNDED ON AN ACTUARIALLY SOUND BASIS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 314	Revising special district laws	Doug Kary	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 01/31/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS GOVERNING SPECIAL DISTRICTS; ALLOWING A GOVERNING BODY TO ORDER A REFERENDUM ON THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT; REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIATING THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT BY PETITION; INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF TIME A CLERK OF A GOVERNING BODY HAS TO CERTIFY OR REJECT A PETITION; REQUIRING THAT MAPS OF PROPOSED BOUNDARIES BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT A CERTAIN TIME; CLARIFYING WHO MUST RECEIVE NOTICE OF PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CREATE A SPECIAL DISTRICT; REVISING THE DEADLINE FOR PROTESTING A PROPOSED DISTRICT AND SUFFICIENCY OF PROTEST; REQUIRING A REFERENDUM UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING CREATION OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; REVISING THE DEADLINE BY WHICH THE GOVERNING BODY MUST ESTIMATE COSTS OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT; LIMITING THE AMOUNT A GOVERNING BODY MAY CHARGE TO ADMINISTER A SPECIAL DISTRICT; PROHIBITING CERTAIN SPECIAL DISTRICTS FROM MAKING ASSESSMENTS UNTIL COMPLYING WITH THE ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-11-1003, 7-11-1006, 7-11-1007, 7-11-1008, 7-11-1011, 7-11-1013, 7-11-1021, 7-11-1023, AND 7-11-1025, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 338	Provide funding for pension debts, all new hires to DC plan	Keith Regier	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Joint Select Committee on Pensions
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT LAWS; REQUIRING THAT ALL NEW PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, FIREFIGHTERS' UNIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEM, OR TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VOLUNTEERS UNDER THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' COMPENSATION ACT BECOME MEMBERS OF A STATEWIDE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN; REVISING MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD; TEMPORARILY INCREASING EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES', HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS', SHERIFFS', GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS', AND TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; SUSPENDING GUARANTEED ANNUAL BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS; REVISING EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES AND THE ALLOCATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS WITHIN THE STATEWIDE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN; REVISING THE DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE, STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE, AND REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE; PROVIDING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS FROM COAL SEVERANCE TAX REVENUE AND THE GENERAL FUND TO PAY DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNFUNDED LIABILITIES; REQUIRING ACTUARIAL REPORTS TO INCLUDE A PROJECTION OF THE DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT SHOULD BE ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED TO PAY OFF DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNFUNDED LIABILITIES BY A SPECIFIED DATE; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-1009, 5-5-227, 5-5-228, 5-12-205, 7-32-4132, 15-35-108, 17-7-502, 19-2-302, 19-2-303, 19-2-405, 19-2-407, 19-2-408, 19-2-715, 19-2-1004, 19-3-103, 19-3-112, 19-3-201, 19-3-203, 19-3-315, 19-3-316, 19-3-319, 19-3-401, 19-3-412, 19-3-1605, 19-3-2101, 19-3-2102, 19-3-2106, 19-3-2111, 19-3-2112, 19-3-2114, 19-3-2115, 19-3-2116, 19-3-2126, 19-3-2141, 19-5-301, 19-5-901, 19-5-902, 19-6-301, 19-6-402, 19-6-710, 19-6-711, 19-7-301, 19-7-403, 19-7-711, 19-7-801, 19-8-301, 19-8-302, 19-8-502, 19-8-1105, 19-9-207, 19-9-301, 19-9-1009, 19-9-1010, 19-9-1013, 19-13-210, 19-13-211, 19-13-301, 19-13-1010, 19-13-1011, 19-17-102, 19-17-301, 19-20-201, 19-20-302, 19-20-417, 19-20-602, 19-20-719, 19-21-214, 20-9-501, 25-13-608, AND 44-1-518, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 19-3-202, 19-3-522, 19-3-909, 19-3-1016, 19-3-1112, 19-3-1212, 19-3-1502, 19-3-1607, 19-3-2103, 19-3-2113, 19-3-2117, 19-3-2121, AND 19-17-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."		
SB 4	Generally revise property reappraisal laws	Jim Peterson	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/24/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
	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	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	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 AND 7-5-2133, MCA."		
SB 6	Require surrender of license plates if driver is uninsured	Edward Buttrey	(S) Tabled in 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) Hearing -- (S) Natural Resources 01/18/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
	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) Taken from 2nd Reading; Rereferred to Committee -- (S) Local Government
	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."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 38	Establish stream depletion zones for exempt wells	Chas Vincent	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 01/25/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
	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."		
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) Transmitted to House
	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 01/18/2013; 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 67	Revise certain statutory report requirements to the legislature	Kendall Van Dyk	(S) Transmitted to House
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR AGENCY REPORTING TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE AND THE LEGISLATURE; REVISING REPORTING BY THE CAPITOL COMPLEX ADVISORY COUNCIL, THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PROGRAM, THE MONTANA VETERANS' AFFAIRS DIVISION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE REGARDING SECURED TRANSACTIONS, THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION, THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-17-804, 2-18-1103, 10-2-102, 17-6-230, 19-2-405, 19-20-201, AND 30-9A-527, MCA."		
SB 77	Revise municipal contract competitive bidding law - no bid required up to \$100K	John Brenden	(S) Transmitted to House
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT RAISING FROM \$50,000 TO \$100,000 \$80,000 THE CONTRACT AMOUNT ON CERTAIN MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOL PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS THAT REQUIRE USE OF THE COMPETITIVE, ADVERTISED BIDDING PROCESS; AMENDING SECTION SECTIONS 7-5-2301, 7-5-4302, AND 20-9-204 , MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 82	Require PERS new hires to be in DC plan	Dave Lewis	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Select Committee on Pensions 01/29/2013; 8:30 AM, Rm 317A
	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."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 99	Revise laws related to motor vehicle insurance verification	Alan Olson	(S) Transmitted to House
	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."		
SB 108	Renew Montana charitable endowment tax credit	Taylor Brown	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A QUALIFIED ENDOWMENT; EXTENDING THE TERMINATION DATE OF THE TAX CREDIT; SPECIFYING THE MINIMUM ANNUITY RATE FOR DEFERRED CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES; CLARIFYING THE REQUIRED TIMING OF PAYMENTS FOR DEFERRED CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES; APPLYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFORM PRUDENT MANAGEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS ACT TO THE DEFINITION OF "PERMANENT, IRREVOCABLE FUND"; AMENDING SECTION 15-30-2327, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 9, CHAPTER 537, LAWS OF 1997, SECTION 5, CHAPTER 226, LAWS OF 2001, SECTION 7, CHAPTER 4, LAWS OF 2005, AND SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, AND 7, CHAPTER 208, LAWS OF 2007; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE, AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE."		

MACo WATCH LIST

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 3	Supplemental appropriations	Duane Ankney	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 4	Appropriations by budget amendment	Duane Ankney	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 5	Long-range building appropriations	Duane Ankney	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Approps. Subcom.e on Long-Range Planning 02/01/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 317B
HB 6	Renewable resource grants	Rob Cook	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/01/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 7	Reclamation and development grants	Rob Cook	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/04/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 8	Renewable resource bonds and loans	Rob Cook	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/01/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
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) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 01/22/2013; 2:00 pm, Rm 102
HB 13	State employee pay plan	Kathy Swanson	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 01/23/2013; 3:00 pm, Rm 102
HB 14	Bonding program	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Approps. Subcom. on Education 01/28/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 317B
HB 19	Revise penalty and interest provisions related to tax law enforcement	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/05/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 21	Generally revise statutory appropriation laws	Rob Cook	(S) Returned to House
HB 22	Generally revise state auditor laws on insurance	Kimberly Dudik	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 30	Revise late registration laws	Ted Washburn	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 33	Revising large predator laws	Ted Washburn	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Fish, Wildlife & Parks
HB 35	Clarifying the laws related to property tax adjustments	Mike Miller	(S) Committee Report--Bill Concluded -- (S) Taxation
HB 36	Remove statutory references to local government severance tax	Carlie Boland	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 37	Allow temporary leasing of water rights	Bill McChesney	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
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	(S) Returned to House

MACo WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
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) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 50	Prohibit immigration sanctuary policies by local governments	David Howard	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 54	Revise teacher's retirement system administrative and tax qualification laws	Pat Ingraham	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 59	Revise title of governor's drought advisory committee	Ryan Lynch	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 66	Allow for electronic service of notices of levy and writs of execution	Brian Hoven	(H) Rereferred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 71	Clarifying restorative justice laws and establish grant program	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 01/30/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 72	Allow restorative justice as condition of suspended or deferred sentence	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 74	Require disclosure of child abuse to DPHHS to law enforcement in all cases	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 77	Revise public assistance laws relating to counties	Pat Ingraham	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 79	Constitutional referendum to rename the State Auditor	Tom Berry	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/30/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 80	Authorizing peace officer status for corrections criminal investigators	Steve Lavin	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
HB 82	Revise applicability of extraterritorial worker's compensation agreements	Scott Reichner	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 84	Revise 72-hour presumptive eligibility requirements for crisis stabilization	Pat Noonan	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Human Services
HB 87	Provide state insurance commissioner with health insurance rate review authority	Jeffrey W Welborn	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business & Labor 02/04/2013; 11:00 am, Rm 172
HB 89	Allow de minimus refund of abandoned property or closed estates	Ryan Lynch	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/23/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 90	Increase university system supplemental contributions rate to TRS	Jesse O'Hara	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Select Committee on Pensions 01/24/2013; 8:30 am, Rm 317ab
HB 99	Appropriate TANF funds for out-of-school food support activities	Pat Noonan	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Human Services
HB 100	Create a Medicaid pay-for-performance pilot project	Ron Ehli	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/01/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 102	Create advisory committee on cost-base Medicaid mental health rate reimbursement	Ron Ehli	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 01/25/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 106	Generally revise water use laws	Pat Connell	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 107	Revise laws related to legal counsel representation in abuse and neglect cases	Ryan Lynch	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/05/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 108	Revise registration and proof of identity requirements for voting	Ted Washburn	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) State Administration
HB 111	Repeal business equipment tax reduction for value-added manufacturing	Mike Miller	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 112	Improve actuarial funding for teachers' retirement system	Jean Price	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Select Committee on Pensions 01/24/2013; 8:30 am, Rm 317ab
HB 119	Allow payment of expenses for deceased Medicaid and MT healthy kid enrollees	Carolyn Pease-Lopez	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Human Services
HB 120	Generally revise election laws	Pat Ingraham	(H) 3rd Reading Passed
HB 121	Revise property valuation laws for tax purposes for certain timber lands	Pat Ingraham	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
HB 124	Clarify exemption for school districts and special districts in elections	Jesse O'Hara	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 125	Clarify when candidate's name is held off the ballot	Jesse O'Hara	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 126	Generally revise ballot issues and petition statutes	Pat Ingraham	(H) 3rd Reading Passed
HB 129	Revise campaign finance and disclosure laws	Steve Gibson	(H) Transmitted to Senate

MACo WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 130	Revise uninsured employer's fund laws	Steve Fitzpatrick	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 139	Update laws governing law enforcement communications system	Steve Lavin	(S) Returned to House
HB 142	Restore Dingell-Johnson fish restoration and management funding assent language	Pat Connell	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 145	Revise the Montana Federal Mandates Accountability Act	Bill Harris	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 146	Generally revise laws related to solid waste licenses and fees	Kris Hansen	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 01/31/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 148	Clarifying local government authority to regulate amateur radio operators	Pat Connell	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 149	Revise ditch easement laws	Pat Connell	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Agriculture
HB 152	Provide deadlines for governing bodies to review tax exemption applications	Steve Fitzpatrick	(H) 3rd Reading Passed
HB 154	Enable county attorney to act as legal advisor to irrigation board if requested	David (Doc) Moore	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 156	Revise local government laws related to municipal zoning	David (Doc) Moore	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Local Government
HB 158	Require agency's to present proposed rules to interim committees	Doug Kary	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/23/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 159	Generally revise the Montana Administrative Procedure Act	Keith Regier	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/23/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
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) Transmitted to Senate
HB 165	Revise laws related to speed upon approaching emergency or police vehicles	Amanda Curtis	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
HB 168	Revise DUI laws for THC	David (Doc) Moore	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/05/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 169	Allow growth policy to be used for coordination	Kerry White	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 174	Provide for a property tax freeze for Montanans age 65 or older or disabled	David (Doc) Moore	(H) Tabled in 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
HB 186	Require losing party in litigation to pay litigation costs in certain lawsuits	Clayton Fiscus	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 195	Revise laws related to taxation of certain forest land	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/23/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 196	Revise property exemption laws related to judgment debtors	Tom Jacobson	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
HB 197	Expand drug & alcohol testing act to apply to all employees	Champ Edmunds	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 200	Revise election laws	Steve Fitzpatrick	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/24/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 202	Revise laws related to the deposit and investment of public money	Roger A Hagan	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 203	Revise direct state aid to public libraries	Christy Clark	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 01/22/2013; 2:00 pm, Rm 102
HB 208	Providing immunity for solid waste management system	Jerry O'Neil	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended -- (H) Local Government
HB 209	Cap salaries of state employees while retirement systems are actuarially unsound	Jerry O'Neil	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) State Administration
HB 218	Require Board of Oil and Gas to administer grant program for oil and gas impacts	Duane Ankney	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 01/24/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 220	Revise election laws for county commissioners	Mike Miller	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/30/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 222	Authorize secretary of state to remove ineligible candidates from ballot	Mike Miller	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/30/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 226	Exempt computer professionals from overtime pay	Donald W Jones	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading

MACo WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 230	Generally revise property tax laws	Scott Reichner	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 232	Strengthen exclusive remedy laws in workers' compensation	Austin Knudsen	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (H) Business & Labor
HB 233	Generally revise 24/7 sobriety program	Steve Lavin	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 02/06/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 238	Consider housing needs in discharge plans from mental health facilities	Ellie Boldman Hill	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 02/06/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 242	Generally revise workforce drug testing laws	Carl Glimm	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Business & Labor
HB 244	Generally revise water use laws	Pat Connell	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 01/25/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 245	Authorize counties to dedicate park land	Champ Edmunds	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended -- (H) Local Government
HB 246	Revise conservation easement laws	Kerry White	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Local Government
HB 248	Prohibit fire lanterns during certain fire seasons	Bryce Bennett	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 249	Revising laws related to presence of bison/buffalo on private property	Alan Doane	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended -- (H) Agriculture
HB 250	Require navigator, insurance producer certification for exchanges	Liz Bangerter	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 251	Revise date absentee ballots are available	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/28/2013; 9:00 am, Rm 455
HB 252	Revise notary public journal storage to secretary of state's office	Pat Ingraham	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (H) State Admin.
HB 261	Revise unemployment insurance laws for business impacted by natural disaster	Tom Berry	(H) 3rd Reading Passed
HB 269	Assault on health care or emergency services provider	Kathy Swanson	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/31/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 275	Revise DUI laws	Keith Regier	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/30/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 276	Generally revise DUI laws	Champ Edmunds	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
HB 280	Authorize choice for out-of-state health care insurance	Cary Smith	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business & Labor
HB 295	Revise eminent domain laws	Ed Lieser	(H) Hearing -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecomm. 01/30/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 296	Revise when ballots may be prepared for counting	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/28/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 297	Provide that employment of an unauthorized alien is unlawful	David Howard	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business & Labor
HB 301	Revise school bonding limits	David Halvorson	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 02/04/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HB 303	Federal law enforcement officers should communicate with sheriff	Krayton Kerns	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 304	Generally revise concealed weapons laws	Krayton Kerns	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 316	Revise fuel tax revenue to fund local public transportation	Nancy Wilson	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 02/05/2013; 9:00 am, Rm 152
HB 320	Change name of optional retirement system	Bryce Bennett	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Joint Select Committee on Pensions
HB 327	Allowing youth election judges	Franke Wilmer	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 02/05/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 331	Revise transportation commission laws	Nancy Wilson	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 02/06/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 455

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 332	Revise tax laws to increase the business equipment tax threshold	Mary McNally	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 02/06/2013; 9:00 am, Rm 152
HB 345	Revise false claims act	Cary Smith	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business & Labor
HJ 2	Interim study investigating state/local gov electronic records management	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Transmitted to Senate
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, & Economic Affairs 01/11/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 16	Revise tax increment financing laws related to distribution	Dick Barrett	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/30/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
SB 22	Allow for recording notice of tax lien with the secretary of state	Ron Arthun	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Judiciary
SB 23	Revise interim zoning laws	Matthew M Rosendale	(S) Taken from 2nd Reading; Rereferred to Committee -- (S) Local Government
SB 24	Revise zoning laws for sand and gravel operations	Matthew M Rosendale	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 25	Increase reimbursement rates for pupil transportation	Greg Jergeson	(S) Hearing -- (S) Education & Cultural Resources 01/21/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 27	Revise Insure Montana laws to expand small employer definition	Cliff Larsen	(S) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (S) Public Health, Welfare & Safety
SB 30	Revise big sky trust fund wage rate laws	Edward Buttrey	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business & Labor 02/01/2013; 9:00 am, Rm 172
SB 33	Revise disaster relief expenditure laws	Larry Jent	(S) Transmitted to House
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	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
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	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 01/28/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 40	Generally revising provisions governing subdivision review	Edward Buttrey	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 41	Prohibiting consideration of future subdivision impact	Edward Buttrey	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Government
SB 48	Establish regional water system rate process	Greg Jergeson	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 49	Revise laws regarding reporting to the legislative finance committee	Rick Ripley	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 53	Revise penalties for certain misdemeanor offenses	Robyn Driscoll	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/29/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
SB 57	Adopt certain uniform laws commission language for military/overseas ballots	Larry Jent	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 59	Remove certain restrictions on I-149 and I-155 funding uses	Greg Jergeson	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Finance and Claims
SB 65	Revise laws relating to confidentiality of child abuse and neglect reports	Art Wittich	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 02/04/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
SB 68	Revise ballot return envelope requirements to reflect extra postage required	Robyn Driscoll	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) State Administration
SB 71	Code commissioner bill	Mitch Tropila	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
SB 73	Repeal DARE program	Christine Kaufmann	(H) Rereferred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
SB 77	Revise public contract competitive bidding law - no bid required up to \$80K	John Brenden	(S) Transmitted to House

MACo WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 79	Revise laws regarding access to nonprofit hospital records	Dave Lewis	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Public Health, Welfare & Safety
SB 84	Establish standards and structure for patient-centered medical homes	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Hearing -- (S) Public Health, Welfare & Safety 01/23/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 96	Lower the business and equipment tax	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended -- (S) Taxation
SB 97	Revise redistricting laws to reduce the number of House and Senate seats	Jason Priest	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Judiciary
SB 98	Revise redistricting laws to reduce the number of House and Senate seats	Jason Priest	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Judiciary
SB 100	25% new resource development revenue to fund education	Dee Brown	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Taxation
SB 110	Provide for a crime prevention program	Taylor Brown	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Judiciary
SB 111	Revising the apportionment of certain highway construction funds	Matthew M Rosendale	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/30/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
SB 114	Eliminate certain charges for motor vehicle registration	Janna Taylor	(S) Hearing -- (S) Finance & Claims 01/31/2013; 5:00 PM, Rm 317
SB 115	Revise medical malpractice laws to contain health care costs	Janna Taylor	(S) Bill Not Heard at Sponsor's Request -- (S) Public Health, Welfare & Safety
SB 121	Generally revise laws related to contracts	Jennifer Fielder	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business & Labor 02/01/2013; 9:00 am, Rm 172
SB 122	Generally revise election laws regarding local nonpartisan elections	Tom Facey	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 127	Revise unemployment law, revise def. of misconduct, revise benefit eligibility	Edward Buttrey	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, & Economic Affairs 01/31/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 128	Revise when unemployment insurance rates not affected by benefits paid	Edward Buttrey	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, & Economic Affairs 01/31/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 130	Revising municipal election laws	Terry Murphy	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Taxation
SB 131	Constitutional amendment to adopt of the revenue estimate by the legislature	David E Wanzienried	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/22/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 137	Revise local government laws relate to property environmental clean-up	Alan Olson	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 138	Extend class 14 tax classification to all new generating and fuel facilities	Art Wittich	(S) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (S) Taxation
SB 140	Combine school and primary election dates	Art Wittich	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Local Government
SB 141	Revise definitions for certain common carrier pipelines	Alan Olson	(H) Hearing -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecomm. 02/08/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
SB 143	Revise bison management	John Brenden	(S) Hearing -- (S) Fish & Game 01/31/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 144	Generally revise noxious weed trust fund laws	Jon C Sesso	(S) Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended -- (S) Natural Resources
SB 145	Require all information on a concealed weapon permit application confidential	Frederick Moore	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 146	Generally revise subdivision review criteria laws regarding agency comment	Edward Buttrey	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 147	Generally revise subdivision review criteria laws regarding agriculture	Edward Buttrey	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 148	Reduce amount of award to employees who are wrongfully discharged	Llew Jones	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading

MACo WATCH LIST (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 157	Provide withholding of taxes on gain from sales of real estate by nonresidents	Dick Barrett	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Taxation
SB 159	Revise traumatic brain injury contribution on vehicle registration to opt-out	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (S) Public Health, Welfare & Safety
SB 166	Waive vehicle registration fees for disabled public safety officers/firefighters	Dick Barrett	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways & Transportation 01/29/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 169	Revise payments by FWP to counties for land	John Brenden	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/29/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 171	Revise law on payment of subcontractors on public contracts	Gene Vuckovich	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, & Economic Affairs 01/29/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 172	Revise laws related to dental insurance plans and services	Edward Walker	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 173	Generally revising state workers' compensation insurance fund laws	Jim Keane	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, & Economic Affairs 01/31/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 175	Generally revise public education funding	Llew Jones	(S) Hearing -- (S) Education & Cultural Resources 01/30/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 176	Generally revise voting requirements and procedures for non-profit organizations	Jim Peterson	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/07/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 185	Revise veteran public employment hiring laws	Jon C Sesso	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 02/04/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 194	Restrict the use of strip and body cavity searches	Anders Blewett	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/31/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 195	Revise laws protecting job applicant/employee privacy related to social media	Anders Blewett	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/06/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 196	Generally revise criminal laws	Matthew M Rosendale	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/05/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 201	Revise laws on rural/urban interface and fire protection	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Hearing -- (S) Natural Resources 02/01/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
SB 202	Revise traffic laws	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways & Transportation 02/05/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 206	Allowing electronic voter registration	David E Wanzenried	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
SB 207	Adopt Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act	Kendall Van Dyk	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/07/2013; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SJ 1	Joint Rules Resolution	Art Wittich	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SJ 2	Revenue estimate pursuant to the Joint Rules of the Legislature	Bruce Tutvedt	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/29/2013; 9:00 am, Rm 152
SJ 9	Resolution providing due process for property rights	Janna Taylor	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 02/04/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SR 1	Senate Rules Resolution	Art Wittich	(S) Filed with Secretary of State

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