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

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MACo & the Montana Legislature

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2011 Projected Session Calendar

As Revised by Leadership — December 7, 2010

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

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

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

Notes: Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days.

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

Jan. 3:	62th Legislative Session begins	March 30:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills and Bills Proposing Referendums
Jan. 17:	Last day to request General Bills	April 1:	Transmittal of amendments to General Bills
Jan. 22:	Last day to request Revenue Bills	April 4:	Last day to request Study Resolutions or Committee Bills to implement HB2
Feb. 14:	Last day for Committee to request General Bills	April 9:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
Feb. 24:	Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber	April 12:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills, Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions, and Bills Proposing Referendums
Feb. 25-28:	Transmittal Break	April 15:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
March 17:	Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions	April 21:	Session adjourns; Sine Die
March 19:	Last day to request Bills Proposing Referendums or for Committee to request Revenue Bills		
March 25:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills		

Happenings from the Hill – Updated Daily

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Check it out today, tomorrow, the next day, and so forth . . . we're on the hill and on top of the action!

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Scheduled Hearings

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

Monday, March 21

Time	Room	No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	317	HB 2	General Approps. Act	Walter McNutt
9:00 AM	422	HB 275	Provide offset of personal consumption expenses in survival actions	Scott Reichner
9:00 AM	422	HB 408	Provide for timely filing and resolution of claims in medical liability cases	Cary Smith
9:00 AM	422	HB 464	Provide medical liability protection for hard-to-recruit subspecialists	Mark Blasdel
3:00 PM	137	SB 141	Address bullying in Montana schools	Kim Gillan
3:00 PM	137	SB 315	Revise school law on standard of review for school board decisions	Rick Ripley
3:00 PM	137	SB 208	Allowing Saturday school in K-12 schools	Ron Erickson
3:00 PM	152	SB 272	Revise laws related to psychologists prescriptive authority	Terry Murphy
3:00 PM	152	HB 175	Submit repeal of Montana Medical Marijuana Act to voters of Montana	Keith Regier
3:00 PM	172	SB 320	Clarifying certain provisions of the Major Facility Siting Act	Llew Jones
3:00 PM	172	SB 330	Revise renewable portfolio standard laws	Edward Walker
3:00 PM	172	SB 226	Amend utility net metering requirements	Jason Priest
3:00 PM	172	SJ 12	Resolution urging oil and gas leasing of federal land	Edward Walker
3:00 PM	172	SJ 4	Urge Congress to support Constitutional Amendment on balanced budget	Art Wittich
3:00 PM	472	SB 367	Establish nutrient standards variances	Chas Vincent
3:00 PM	472	SB 267	Revise laws related to total maximum daily load development	Chas Vincent
3:00 PM	472	SB 356	Clarifying definition of good cause for water right objections	Bradley Hamlett
3:00 PM	472	SB 297	Provide a separate process for coal beneficiation	Jeff Essmann
3:00 PM	405	HB 522	Extend approval of subdivision application to mutually agreed upon time.	Douglas Kary
3:00 PM	405	HB 391	Prohibit local initiative from establishing priority of enforcement of state law	Tom Berry
3:00 PM	422	SB 409	Revise methods to establish rental fees and sale of state land cabin sites	Bruce Tutvedt
3:00 PM	335	HB 152	Revise proof of residency and identity requirements for voting	Ted Washburn
3:00 PM	335	HB 530	Allow counties to prepare mail ballots before election day	Ted Washburn
3:00 PM	335	HB 256	Provide for disposition of remains of military personnel	Franke Wilmer
3:00 PM	335	HB 131	Clarify responsibilities for expense recovery rel to orphan hazardous materials	Mike Menahan
3:00 PM	335	HB 255	Provide that every March 30 is Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day	Franke Wilmer
3:00 PM	335	HJ 19	Resolution for veteran recognition	Timothy Furey

Tuesday, March 22

Time	Room	No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	102	HB 567	Revise property appraisal process by allowing extended assessment review	Scott Reichner
8:00 AM	405	SB 407	Limit increases in centrally assessed property value for study	Bob Lake
8:00 AM	455	HB 608	Close retirement systems and provide for annuity benefit program	Wayne Stahl
9:00 AM	172	HB 620	Generally revise health care law to create health care gateway	Tom Berry
9:00 AM	172	HB 615	Advance cancer research and treatment	Kathleen Williams

Tuesday, March 22 Continued . . .

Time	Room	No.	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	422	HB 416	Provide for confidentiality for medical practices quality assurance	Harry Klock
9:00 AM	422	HB 315	Revise historic traction boiler inspection and traction license requirements	Margaret MacDonald
9:00 AM	422	HB 405	Medical malpractice reform	Janna Taylor
9:00 AM	317	HB 230	Transfer board of crime control to corrections	Steve Gibson
9:00 AM	303	HB 548	Revising 46-18-203 regarding revocation of a suspended or deferred sentence	Liz Bangerter
9:00 AM	303	HB 544	Provide abortion screening to prevent provider negligence and patient coercion	Michael More
3:00 PM	472	SB 237	Revise laws relating to brucellosis surveillance	Ron Arthun
3:00 PM	152	SB 301	Moratorium on land purchases by dept. of fish, wildlife, and parks	Rick Ripley
3:00 PM	152	SB 212	Clarify FWP authority to manage wild buffalo or bison	Rick Ripley
3:00 PM	152	SB 90	\$3 from sale of deer/antelope B tag license for processing of donated game	Jeff Essmann
3:00 PM	152	SB 255	Establish criteria for FWP commission decisions	John Brenden
3:00 PM	335	SB 405	Revise stream access law	Anders Blewett
3:00 PM	422	HB 566	Revise laws related to hunting license bonus point system	Max Yates
3:00 PM	422	HB 339	Eliminate limit on sale of Class B-13 youth nonresident big game combo licenses	Liz Bangerter
3:00 PM	422	HB 225	Clarify environmental review requirements for snowmobile trail programs	Jeffery Welborn
3:00 PM	422	SB 400	Revise big game licensing laws	Chas Vincent
3:00 PM	405	HB 195	Revise driver's license format to include resident address	Matthew Rosendale
3:00 PM	405	HB 594	Require a recycled content in state contracts and highway construction	Jon Sesso
3:00 PM	405	SJ 16	Study resolution on increasing passenger rail in Montana	Tom Facey

Wednesday, March 23

Time	Room	No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	137	SB 97	Revise parental notice of abortion and judicial bypass	Jim Shockley
9:00 AM	303	HB 334	Generally revise workers' compensation	Scott Reichner
9:00 AM	303	HB 547	Provide insurance coverage for RN specialists who assist physicians	Ken Peterson
9:00 AM	422	HB 480	Revise laws relating to justice's court	Mike Menahan
9:00 AM	422	HB 379	Generally revise search warrant requirements	Mike Menahan
9:00 AM	422	HB 203	Allow evidence of other crimes in prosecution of sexual offenses	Mike Menahan
3:00 PM	137	SB 244	Allow school districts to charge certain preschool fees	Bob Lake
3:00 PM	455	SB 81	Revise commercial drivers license provisions	David Wanzenried
3:00 PM	455	SB 278	Provide for ambulance membership programs	Carmine Mowbray
3:00 PM	405	HB 529	Revise certain document fees for mining claims	Wayne Stahl
3:00 PM	405	HB 41	Amend law relating to designation of local government auditor	Wayne Stahl
3:00 PM	405	HB 20	Authorize county social host liability ordinances	Gordon Hendrick
3:00 PM	335	HB 297	Extend time frames to preserve historic right of way for state lands	Tom Berry
3:00 PM	335	HB 344	Prohibit favoritism between for-profit and nonprofit corps in state contracts	Steve Gibson
3:00 PM	335	HB 279	Providing disaster and emergency services to tribal governments	Frank Smith
3:00 PM	335	HB 483	Revise campaign finance regulation of churches and community groups	David Howard
3:00 PM	335	HB 489	Revise statutory rules for determining residency for voting and registration	Jerry O'Neil

Thursday, March 24

Time	Room	No.	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	422	HB 487	Provide life insurance for certain nonspecified discretionary groups	Christy Clark
9:00 AM	422	HB 563	Provide for public-private partnerships	Elsie Arntzen
9:00 AM	422	HB 508	Require payment of partial salary to injured rural firefighter	Mary McNally
3:00 PM	172	SB 298	Revise land use laws regarding wildland urban interface	Chas Vincent
3:00 PM	172	SB 283	Revise process for changing county boundaries	Jeff Essmann
3:00 PM	172	SB 340	Clarifying the enforcement of laws related to fire hazard reduction	Chas Vincent

Friday, March 25

Time	Room	No.	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	422	SB 375	Generally revise workers' compensation	Edward Walker
9:00 AM	422	HB 525	Revise business and professional licensing laws to provide termination review	Jonathan McNiven
9:00 AM	422	HB 535	Revise uniform limited liability partnership act	Austin Knudsen
3:00 PM	335	HB 491	Allow cooperative purchasing fm profit/nonprofit educational procurement coops	Mike Cuffe

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 297 LC1431	Extend time frames to preserve historic right of way under environmental policy	2010-07	Tom Berry	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/23/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FOR APPLYING FOR A HISTORIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON STATE LANDS; AMENDING SECTION 77-1-130, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 5, CHAPTER 461, LAWS OF 1997, SECTION 6, CHAPTER 270, LAWS OF 2001, AND SECTIONS 2, 3, AND 4, CHAPTER 57, LAWS OF 2005; AND PROVIDING A TERMINATION DATE."			
HB 318 LC1049	Ensure county oversight in movement of publicly-owned wild buffalo or bison	2010-01	Wendy Warburton	(S) Hearing – (S) Ag., Livestock & Irrigation 03/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENTS OF LIVESTOCK OR FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS MAY AUTHORIZE ANY MOVEMENT <u>TRANSPLANTATION OR RELOCATION</u> OF WILD BUFFALO OR BISON CERTIFIED AS BRUCellosIS-FREE INTO A MONTANA COUNTY; AMENDING SECTIONS 81-2-120 AND 87-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			
HB 426 LC1283	Revise incorporation laws to coincide with annexation laws	2010-15	Gary MacLaren	(H) Returned from Enrolling
	AN ACT REQUIRING WRITTEN CONSENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF LAND TO BE INCLUDED IN A PROPOSED NEW CITY OR TOWN; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-2-4101, MCA.			
SB 144 LC0176	Revise laws governing translocation of bison; prohibit free-roaming bison	2010-14	John Brenden	(H) Hearing – (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 03/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS FROM RELOCATING WILD BUFFALO OR BISON OR ALLOWING FREE-ROAMING BISON IN THE STATE; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROHIBITION FROM RELOCATION; <u>REQUIRING REPORTS</u> ; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE <u>AND A TERMINATION DATE</u> ."			
SB 183 LC1029	Revise interim zoning laws	2010-09	Taylor Brown	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 03/15/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO PREVENT A PROPOSED USE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; <u>PROHIBITING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO PREVENT AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES</u> ; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-206, MCA."			
SB 212 LC1052	Clarify FWP authority to manage wild buffalo or bison	2010-14	Rick Ripley	(H) Hearing – (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 03/22/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO MANAGE WILD BUFFALO OR BISON; ELIMINATING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY ; REQUIRING A MANAGEMENT PLAN BEFORE WILD BUFFALO OR BISON MAY BE RELEASED OR TRANSPLANTED ONTO PRIVATE OR PUBLIC LAND; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			

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No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
SB 248 LC0421	Allow five member county tax appeal board	2010-02	Kim Gillan	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 03/10/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT A FIVE-MEMBER COUNTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITH THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OVER THREE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY; PROVIDING THAT IN COUNTIES WITH FIVE-MEMBER BOARDS OF MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS, ONLY THREE OF THE MEMBERS HEAR EACH APPEAL; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-15-101, MCA."				
SB 358 LC1352	Generally revise tax increment financing districts	2010-19	Edward Buttrey	(S) Rereferred to Committee – (S) Taxation
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING URBAN RENEWAL AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT LAWS; PROVIDING FOR CREATION OF TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS; ALLOWING COUNTIES TO CREATE URBAN RENEWAL AREAS AND TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS AND TO USE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING; REMOVING SCHOOL RETIREMENT AND STATE SCHOOL MILLS FROM THE INCREMENTAL VALUE WITHIN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PROVISIONS FOR AN AREA OR DISTRICT THAT EXCEEDS 640 ACRES, INCLUDING ADJACENT AREAS OR DISTRICTS; 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 7-15-4202, 7-15-4204, 7-15-4206, 7-15-4208, 7-15-4209, 7-15-4210, 7-15-4211, 7-15-4212, 7-15-4213, 7-15-4215, 7-15-4216, 7-15-4217, 7-15-4218, 7-15-4219, 7-15-4220, 7-15-4221, 7-15-4231, 7-15-4232, 7-15-4233, 7-15-4234, 7-15-4235, 7-15-4237, 7-15-4239, 7-15-4251, 7-15-4252, 7-15-4253, 7-15-4254, 7-15-4255, 7-15-4256, 7-15-4257, 7-15-4258, 7-15-4259, 7-15-4260, 7-15-4261, 7-15-4262, 7-15-4263, 7-15-4264, 7-15-4265, 7-15-4266, 7-15-4267, 7-15-4281, 7-15-4282, 7-15-4283, 7-15-4284, 7-15-4285, 7-15-4286, 7-15-4287, 7-15-4288, 7-15-4289, 7-15-4290, 7-15-4291, 7-15-4292, 7-15-4293, 7-15-4294, 7-15-4301, 7-15-4302, 7-15-4304, 7-15-4305, 7-15-4306, 7-15-4322, 7-15-4323, AND 7-15-4324, AND 7-13-1506, 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."				
SB 383 LC0865	Define spot zoning	2010-21	Llew Jones	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed*
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR ZONING REGULATIONS; REQUIRING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EVALUATE THE REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPOSED PROCESS FOR ZONING OR REZONING AN AREA WILL NOT RESULT IN IMPERMISSIBLE SPOT ZONING; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-203, MCA."				
LC0866	Define military affected areas	2010-12	Brian Hoven	(C) Draft in Final Drafter Review

MACo Resolutions/Legislation That Missed Transmittal Deadline

No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 130 LC0460	Expand types of elections to be conducted by mail ballot elections	2010-11	Pat Ingraham	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS; REQUIRING ELECTIONS OTHER THAN SCHOOL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD BY MAIL; PROVIDING FOR TRAINING OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS AND ELECTION JUDGES; REVISING PROCEDURES BY WHICH ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS CONFIRM ELECTORS' RESIDENCE AND MAILING ADDRESSES; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR REACTIVATING AN ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION; REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOT PROVISIONS; REQUIRING COUNTIES TO PAY FOR BALLOTS RETURNED WITH INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR CREATING AND APPROVING A WRITTEN ELECTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO INACTIVE ELECTORS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING BOOTHS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACES OF DEPOSIT AND OFFICIAL DROP BOXES FOR BALLOT RETURNS; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING AND COUNTING RETURNED BALLOTS; REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT THAT ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS PROVIDE FOR PROPORTIONAL VOTING IN CERTAIN ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-101, 13-1-203, 13-2-220, 13-2-222, 13-2-301, 13-4-203, 13-13-212, 13-13-214, 13-19-101, 13-19-102, 13-19-104, 13-19-105, 13-19-106, 13-19-201, 13-19-202, 13-19-203, 13-19-204, 13-19-205, 13-19-206, 13-19-207, 13-19-301, 13-19-303, 13-19-304, 13-19-305, 13-19-306, 13-19-307, 13-19-308, 13-19-309, 13-19-310, 13-19-311, 13-19-313, AND 13-21-210, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 13-19-302, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."				
SB 85 LC0580	Revise commissioners authority on use of county roads	2010-10	Cliff Larsen	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO LIMIT USE OF A COUNTY ROAD OR OTHER PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDER THE COUNTY'S JURISDICTION; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-14-2103, 7-14-2133, AND 7-14-2134, MCA."				

MACo Priority Watch List

No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	General Approps. Act	Walter McNutt	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 03/18/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 317 03/19/2011; on adjourn, Rm 317 03/21/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2013; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 11	Treasure state endowment program and transfers of money to the general fund	Jon Sesso	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Approps.
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR EMERGENCY GRANTS AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING GRANTS; EXTENDING TRANSFERS TO THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT FUND TO 2021; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-5-703, 90-6-701, AND 90-6-703, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HB 19	Clarify that the Clean Indoor Air Act applies to smoking of medical marijuana	Diane Sands	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT SMOKING FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MONTANA CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT INCLUDES THE SMOKING OF MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL USE; AMENDING SECTION 50-40-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 20	Authorize county social host liability ordinances	Gordon Hendrick	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/23/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO AND POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY AN UNDERAGE PERSON AT SOCIAL GATHERINGS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 22	Extend the sunset on wireless 9-1-1 funding for less populated counties	Harry Klock	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT EXTENDING THE SUNSET ON WIRELESS 9-1-1 FUNDING FOR LESS-POPULATED COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTION 10-4-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 26	Clarify the provisions of the entitlement share payment program	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 01/17/2011; 2:00 PM, Rm 102
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT PROGRAM; PROHIBITING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MILLS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY LEVY FOR A REIMBURSED TAX BASE DECREASE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-121 AND 15-10-420, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 28	Revise requirements for septic mixing zones	Walter McNutt	(H) Returned from Enrolling
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT <u>PROPOSED DRAINFIELD MIXING ZONES BE LOCATED WHOLLY WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION WHERE THE DRAINFIELD IS LOCATED UNLESS OR ON AN ADJOINING RIGHT-OF-WAY; ALLOWING LOCATION OF A DRAINFIELD MIXING ZONE OUTSIDE THE SUBDIVISION IF AN EASEMENT OR OTHER AUTHORIZATION IS OBTAINED</u> ; AMENDING SECTION 76-4-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 43	Clarifying employer's rights related to employee use of medical marijuana	Gary MacLaren	(S) Hearing – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/02/2011; 10:00 AM, Rm 422
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING EMPLOYER RIGHTS RELATED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION, DRUG TESTING, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA; EXPANDING THE TYPES OF EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE WORKFORCE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING ACT; CREATING EMPLOYMENT-RELATED EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROTECTIONS OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-2-206, 39-2-210, 39-2-313, 39-71-407, 50-46-201, AND 50-46-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 56	Generally revise local government entitlement share calculation	Tony Belcourt	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 01/13/2011; 2:00 PM, Rm 102
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE GROWTH RATE USED TO DETERMINE THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; APPLYING AN ANNUAL GROWTH FACTOR OF 0.76% FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR STARTING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2012; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE IN EACH HOUSE IS REQUIRED TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 15-1-121, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 61	Allow local jurisdictions to set lower speed limits on unpaved roads	Gary MacLaren	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A LOCAL AUTHORITY TO SET REDUCED SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN UNPAVED ROADS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-310, MCA."		

MACo Priority Watch List Continued . . .

No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 68	Revise Medical Marijuana Act and create regulatory structure for industry	Diane Sands	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 01/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT TO CREATE A LICENSING AND REGULATORY SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE WHO GROW, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTE, OR SELL MEDICAL MARIJUANA; REQUIRING MONTANA RESIDENCY TO OBTAIN A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD OR A LICENSE; CLARIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICIANS WHO PROVIDE WRITTEN CERTIFICATION; PROVIDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO REGULATE MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSEES; ESTABLISHING PROHIBITIONS ON THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA BY CERTAIN PEOPLE; EXPANDING THE LIMITATIONS ON THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; CREATING A SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-111, 50-46-101, 50-46-102, 50-46-103, 50-46-201, 50-46-202, 50-46-205, 50-46-207, 50-46-210, AND 61-11-101, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 50-46-206, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES, APPLICABILITY DATES, AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HB 87	Revise workers' comp laws to implement recs of Labor-Management Advisory Council	Chuck Hunter	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Business and Labor
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LABOR MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL; PROVIDING A PROCESS FOR CLOSING WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS; OUTLINING CONDITIONS FOR REOPENING AND MEDIATING A CLAIM; REVISING PUBLIC POLICY TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO ACTUAL WAGE LOSS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT; REDUCING THE TIME FOR INSURERS TO ACCEPT OR DENY A CLAIM; REVISING CONDITIONS FOR TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFITS; REVISING THE PROCESS FOR PROVIDING COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES FOR DISPUTED MEDICAL BENEFITS AWARDED BY COURT; REVISING CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND PROCESSES RELATED TO PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITIES; PROVIDING SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOR IMPAIRMENT RATINGS AND ALLOWING DEPARTMENT TO CHANGE GUIDANCE BY RULE; ALLOWING RETROACTIVE BENEFIT PAYMENT TO CERTAIN WORKERS; REVISING MEDICAL CLAIM SETTLEMENTS AND LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS; REVISING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES AND TERMS TO ASSIST AN EMPLOYEE IN STAYING AT WORK OR RETURNING TO WORK; PROVIDING CONDITIONS FOR RETRAINING BENEFITS; ALLOWING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG INTERESTED PARTIES; CREATING A STAY-AT-WORK/RETURN-TO-WORK ASSISTANCE FUND AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FUND; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-71-105, 39-71-116, 39-71-118, 39-71-316, 39-71-407, 39-71-606, 39-71-609, 39-71-611, 39-71-612, 39-71-614, 39-71-701, 39-71-702, 39-71-703, 39-71-704, 39-71-710, 39-71-711, 39-71-712, 39-71-721, 39-71-723, 39-71-736, 39-71-737, 39-71-741, 39-71-744, 39-71-1011, 39-71-1025, AND 39-71-1031, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 39-71-1006, 39-71-1014, AND 39-71-1032, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND APPLICABILITY DATES."		
HB 105	Provide Insur Comm authority to review and approve health insurance premiums	Robyn Driscoll	(H) Silver Bullet— (H) Second Reading
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT RATES FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE FOR REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN REFUNDS RELATED TO A MINIMUM LOSS RATIO; PROVIDING TERMS FOR RATE APPROVAL, DISAPPROVAL, AND WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR A MINIMUM LOSS RATIO AND A MINIMUM LOSS RATIO GUARANTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 122	Provide for benefit and funding changes to public employees retirement system	Sue Malek	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/16/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING BENEFIT AND FUNDING PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; INCREASING THE NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE FOR NEW HIRES; INCREASING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EARLY RETIREMENT FOR NEW HIRES; ELIMINATING EARLY RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY BASED ON MEMBERSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW HIRES; CHANGING THE CALCULATION OF HIGHEST AVERAGE COMPENSATION FOR NEW HIRES; REDUCING THE MULTIPLIER USED TO CALCULATE BENEFIT PAYMENTS FOR NEW HIRES; INCREASING THE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS DUE ON BEHALF OF NEW HIRES; INCREASING THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL COVERED PAYROLL ; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-3-108, 19-3-315, 19-3-316, 19-3-319 , 19-3-513, 19-3-901, 19-3-902, 19-3-904, 19-3-906, 19-3-1002, 19-3-1008, 19-3-1106, 19-3-1205, 19-3-2117, 19-3-2141, AND 19-21-214, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 123	Revise county and school district budgeting timelines	Edith McClafferty	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/16/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN DEADLINES RELATIVE TO SCHOOL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCING LAWS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-6-4036, 15-10-305, 20-3-205, 20-3-209, 20-7-705, 20-9-115, 20-9-121, 20-9-131, 20-9-134, 20-9-141, 20-9-142, 20-9-151, 20-9-152, 20-9-213, 20-9-439, 20-9-501, 20-9-503, 20-9-506, 20-9-533, 20-9-534, 20-9-604, 20-10-144, 20-10-146, 20-10-147, AND 20-15-313, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 20-9-211, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 133	Provide for court orders, fines, liens for noncompliance with noxious weed laws	Daniel Salomon	(S) Hearing – (S) Ag., Livestock and Irrigation 03/15/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING AND CLARIFYING THE PROCESSES AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS; AUTHORIZING A WEED CONTROL BOARD TO SEEK A COURT ORDER TO MANAGE NOXIOUS WEEDS; PROVIDING FOR CIVIL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS; PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON PROPERTY FOR UNPAID CIVIL PENALTIES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-22-2123, 7-22-2124, AND 7-22-2148, MCA."		

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HB 135	Provide benefit and funding changes to sheriffs retirement system	Carolyn Squires	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/14/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE TIME PERIOD FOR CALCULATING HIGHEST AVERAGE COMPENSATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO INITIALLY BECOME MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AFTER JUNE 30, 2011; INCREASING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS ON ALL PAYROLL COVERED BY THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ; AMENDING SECTIONS SECTION 19-7-101 AND 19-7-404 , MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 136	Generally revise school funding	Trudi Schmidt	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Education
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING MONTANA'S EDUCATION LAWS; ESTABLISHING A TEACH MONTANA SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; DISTRIBUTING A PERCENTAGE OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION TAXES TO THE TEACH MONTANA ACCOUNT TO SERVE AS A NONEXCLUSIVE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE QUALITY EDUCATOR PAYMENT; ESTABLISHING AN INFLATIONARY INCREASE TO THE QUALITY EDUCATOR PAYMENT; PROVIDING INFLATIONARY INCREASES TO THE BASIC ENTITLEMENT, THE PER-ANB ENTITLEMENT, AND THE QUALITY EDUCATOR PAYMENT; RENAMING THE MONTANA VIRTUAL ACADEMY; MOVING THE ACADEMY FROM THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD; INCLUDING STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES AS A PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL FACILITY AND TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR GRANTS TO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO IMPLEMENT THE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS; DELAYING THE DEPOSIT OF POWER SITE RENTAL PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL FACILITY AND TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-36-331, 15-36-332, 20-7-1201, 20-9-306, 20-9-326, AND 20-9-516, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 32, CHAPTER 486, LAWS OF 2009; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES."		
HB 140	Transfer funds from the economic development special revenue account	Cynthia Hiner	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Approps.
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY ALLOCATION TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND OF 50% OF THE EARNINGS DEPOSITED INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-5-703 AND 90-1-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HB 143	Revise Taylor Grazing Act funds distribution; 100% to county general fund	Wayne Stahl	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 02/10/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF TAYLOR GRAZING ACT FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE AND ALLOCATED TO COUNTIES BY REQUIRING THE COUNTY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND ALL TAYLOR GRAZING ACT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-3-222, 20-9-331, AND 20-9-332, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 156	Increase the rate of payment of interment allowance and headstone	Frank Smith	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOWANCE TO BE PAID BY THE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE FOR THE INTERMENT AND THE SHIPPING AND RAISING OF A HEADSTONE FOR A VETERAN; AMENDING SECTION 10-2-501, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 166	Revise weed control laws	John Esp	(S) Hearing – (S) Ag., Livestock and Irrigation 03/15/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING WEED CONTROL LAWS; REQUIRING COUNTY APPROVAL OF WEED MANAGEMENT PLANS; CLARIFYING DUTY OF SELLER OR SELLER'S AGENT A PROPERTY OWNER TO INFORM PROPERTY BUYER THE OWNER'S AGENT AND THE PURCHASER OF WEED INFESTATIONS AND MANAGEMENT; REVISING FUNDING OPTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2711, 7-22-2103, 7-22-2109, 7-22-2116, 7-22-2120, 7-22-2121, 7-22-2126, 7-22-2141, 7-22-2142, 7-22-2153, AND 80-7-814, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 170	Revise federal mineral leasing act pass-through funds	Wayne Stahl	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL MINERAL ROYALTY INCOME TO COUNTIES WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FEDERALLY OWNED MINERALS HAS OCCURRED; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF ALL OF FEDERAL MINERAL ROYALTY INCOME TO THE MINERAL IMPACT ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTION 17-3-240, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 187	Provide for Montana-made wooden products in highway and road specs	Pat Connell	(H) Returned from Enrolling
	AN ACT REQUIRING THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND COUNTIES TO USE MONTANA-MADE WOODEN PRODUCTS IN CERTAIN ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.		
HB 212	Eliminate county classification	Pat Ingraham	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/16/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS; REPLACING REFERENCES TO COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS WITH AMOUNT OF TAXABLE VALUATION OR POPULATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-641, 2-18-702, 7-2-2213, 7-2-2218, 7-2-2222, 7-2-2225, 7-3-1214, 7-3-1306, 7-3-1341, 7-4-2405, 7-4-2601, 7-4-2602, 7-4-2703, 7-4-2705, 7-4-3006, 7-6-2102, 7-6-2401, 7-6-2413, 7-21-3211, 7-22-2142, 7-32-101, 7-32-2102, 7-32-2111, 13-17-101, 15-23-703, 15-24-3001, 15-36-332, 15-39-110, 30-14-122, 39-4-107, 80-7-814, AND 90-6-1001, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-1-2111 AND 7-1-2112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		

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HB 252	Prohibit dept. of transportation from recovering indirect costs for fed grants	Brian Hoven	(H) Signed by Speaker
	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FROM RECOVERING FROM CERTAIN TRANSIT PROVIDERS INDIRECT COSTS FOR U.S. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 17-1-106, MCA.		
HB 316	Redistribute certain revenue and income to state general fund	Rob Cook	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/15/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE AND INCOME; INCREASING THE BALANCE OF THE STATE GENERAL FUND; DECREASING THE BALANCE OF VARIOUS STATE ACCOUNTS AND FUNDS; REDUCING DISTRIBUTIONS TO VARIOUS AGENCIES, COUNTIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TRANSFERRING A PORTION OF THE CORPUS OF THE BIG SKY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT FUND, AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM FUND TO THE SEVERANCE TAX PERMANENT FUND; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF COAL SEVERANCE TAXES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION TAXES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF METALLIFEROUS MINES LICENSE TAXES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF THE RESOURCE INDEMNITY AND GROUND WATER ASSESSMENT TAX AND MONEY FROM OPENCUT MINING FEES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF INTEREST INCOME FROM THE RESOURCE INDEMNITY TRUST FUND; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF NURSING FACILITY UTILIZATION FEES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF THE LODGING FACILITY USE TAX; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF UTILIZATION FEES FOR HOSPITALS AND INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE FROM LIQUOR, BEER, WINE, HARD CIDER, AND CIGARETTE TAXES; REVISING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL MINERAL LEASING FUNDS TO COUNTIES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF LIVE CARD GAME AND TABLE PERMIT FEES, BINGO AND KENO TAXES, SPORT TAB TAXES, AND VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINE PERMITS; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIO NOTICE FILING FEES AND EXAMINATION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITIES REGULATION; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF INSURANCE PREMIUM TAXES AND FEES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF THE GENETICS PROGRAM FEE AND THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY PREMIUM TAX; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE FEES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT; REVISING THE ALLOCATION TO THE OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION DAMAGE MITIGATION ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-35-108, 15-36-331, 15-37-117, 15-38-106, 15-38-202, 15-60-102, 15-60-210, 15-60-211, 15-65-121, 15-66-102, 15-67-102, 16-1-404, 16-1-406, 16-1-411, 16-11-119, 17-3-240, 17-6-606, 23-5-306, 23-5-409, 23-5-502, 23-5-612, 30-10-115, 30-10-209, 30-10-210, 33-2-708, 33-2-712, 33-28-120, 53-6-149, 61-5-121, 75-1-1101, 82-11-131, AND 82-11-161, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 317	Sunset statutory Approps. over certain periods	Rob Cook	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 01/26/2011; 2:00 PM, Rm 102
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING TERMINATION DATES FOR STATUTORY APPROPS.; ELIMINATING THE THREE-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR REVISION OF THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT; PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING MANDATED DUTIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-17-105, 5-11-120, 5-11-407, 5-13-403, 7-4-2502, 10-1-108, 10-1-1202, 10-1-1303, 10-2-603, 10-3-203, 10-3-310, 10-3-312, 10-3-314, 10-4-301, 15-1-121, 15-1-218, 15-36-332, 15-37-117, 15-39-110, 15-65-121, 15-70-101, 15-70-369, 15-70-601, 16-11-509, 17-3-106, 17-3-112, 17-3-212, 17-3-222, 17-3-241, 17-6-101, 17-7-502, 18-11-112, 19-3-319, 19-6-404, 19-9-702, 19-13-604, 19-17-301, 19-18-512, 19-19-305, 19-19-506, 19-20-607, 19-21-203, 20-8-107, 20-9-534, 20-9-622, 20-26-1503, 22-3-1004, 23-4-105, 23-5-306, 23-5-409, 23-5-612, 23-7-301, 23-7-402, 37-43-204, 37-51-501, 39-71-503, 41-5-2011, 42-2-105, 44-4-1101, 44-12-206, 44-13-102, 50-4-623, 53-1-109, 53-24-108, 53-24-206, 60-11-115, 61-3-415, 69-3-870, 75-1-1101, 75-5-1108, 75-6-214, 75-11-313, 77-1-108, 77-2-362, 80-2-222, 80-4-416, 80-11-518, 81-10-103, 82-11-161, 87-1-603, 90-1-115, 90-1-203, 90-1-205, 90-1-504, 90-3-1003, 90-9-301, AND 90-9-306, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 319	Require contractors to list special fuel users' permit on bids for govt projects	Walter McNutt	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways & Transportation 03/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A PERSON BIDDING ON CERTAIN PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS TO LIST THE PERSON'S SPECIAL FUEL USER'S PERMIT NUMBER ON THE BID, IF APPLICABLE."		
HB 325	Eliminate class 8 business equipment property tax	Keith Regier	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 02/02/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REPEALING THE TAX ON CERTAIN BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY CLASSIFIED AS CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY; EXEMPTING FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAT PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY CLASSIFIED AS CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY; ADJUSTING THE APPROPRIATE TAXABLE VALUE DETERMINATION FOR CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-2111, 15-6-141, 15-6-156, 15-6-158, 15-6-202, 15-6-207, 15-6-219, 15-6-228, 15-8-301, 15-23-101, 15-24-301, 15-24-303, 15-24-2101, 15-24-2102, 15-24-3001, AND 76-6-109, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 15-1-112, 15-6-138, 15-6-220, 15-24-2401, 15-24-2402, 15-24-2403, 15-24-2404, AND 15-24-2405, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 333	Include bank repossessions in property reappraisal comparables	Scott Reichner	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 03/15/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO INCLUDE SALES OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN SOLD BECAUSE OF NONPAYMENT OF MORTGAGE WHEN USING THE COMPARABLE SALES METHOD OF DETERMINING MARKET VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUDING THE SALES IN THE COMPARABLE SALES METHOD; AMENDING SECTION SECTIONS 15-7-307 AND 15-8-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		

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HB 334	Generally revise workers' compensation	Scott Reichner	(S) Hearing – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/23/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS; PROVIDING FOR CLOSURE OF CLAIMS; PROVIDING A PROCESS TO REOPEN MEDICAL CLAIMS; ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND MEDICAL REVIEW PANEL; REVISING PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY DEFINITION AND BENEFITS; CLARIFYING WHAT CONSTITUTES COURSE AND SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT; ALLOWING RETROACTIVE BENEFIT PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN WORKERS; PROVIDING FOR SETTLEMENTS OF MEDICAL CLAIMS; PROVIDING FOR INSURER DESIGNATION OF TREATING PHYSICIANS; PROVIDING PAY SCALES FOR TREATING PHYSICIANS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; PROVIDING CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON MEDICAL PAY SCHEDULES FOR THE BIENNIUM; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-71-105, 39-71-116, 39-71-118, 39-71-225, 39-71-315, 39-71-320, 39-71-407, 39-71-703, 39-71-704, 39-71-711, 39-71-721, 39-71-736, 39-71-741, 39-71-1011, 39-71-1101, 39-71-1102, AND 39-71-1106, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES."		
HB 338	Revise the document standards law	John Esp	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/14/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING STANDARDS AND FEES FOR DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERKS FOR RECORDING; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2636 AND 7-4-2637, MCA."		
HB 340	Require reappraisal of certain property annually	Dick Barrett	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 02/03/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL REAPPRAISAL OF AGRICULTURAL LAND, RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND FOREST LAND BEGINNING IN 2016; PROVIDING THAT A PORTION OF CLASS FOUR PROPERTY IS REAPPRAISED EACH YEAR; PROVIDING THAT THE VALUE OF CLASS FOUR PROPERTY THAT IS NOT REAPPRAISED IN A YEAR IS ADJUSTED BY USING STANDARD MARKET MODELING, INCOME, OR COST METHODS TO ESTIMATE CURRENT YEAR MARKET VALUE FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES; CLARIFYING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS; REVISING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF FOREST LANDS TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS; 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, 15-44-103, AND 77-1-208, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 15-6-193, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."		
HB 351	Treasure state endowment Approps. and transfers to the general fund	Rob Cook	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/17/2011; 9:00 AM, 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 PRELIMINARY 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; REQUIRING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND; REVISING GRANT CONDITIONS AND RANKING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 90-6-703 AND 90-6-710, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 366	Revise county interim zoning law	Matthew Rosendale	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/09/2011; 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; PROHIBITING THE EXTENSION OF A RESOLUTION FOR AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION IF REAL PROPERTY OWNERS REPRESENTING 20% <u>40%</u> OF THE TITLED PROPERTY OWNERSHIP PROTEST THE EXTENSION; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-206, MCA."		
HB 375	Reduce certain general fund transfers	Rob Cook	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (H) Approps.
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING TRANSFERS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND; REDUCING TRANSFERS TO CERTAIN ACCOUNTS, ENTITIES, AND RECIPIENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS <u>SECTION</u> 15-1-122, 17-1-511 , 77-1-108 , 87-2-801 , AND 87-2-803 ; MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		

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HB 495	Revise statutory Approps. and local government entitlement share payments	Rob Cook	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/09/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING STATUTORY APPROPS.; REDUCING STATUTORY APPROPRIATION DISTRIBUTIONS; CLARIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT PROGRAM; ELIMINATING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENT SHARE ANNUAL GROWTH FACTOR FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND 2013; REDUCING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENT SHARE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS; ELIMINATING THE THREE-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR REVISION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENTS; PROHIBITING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MILLS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY LEVY FOR A REIMBURSED TAX BASE DECREASE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-121 AND 15-10-420, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."</p>			
HB 503	Revise underground utility laws	Franke Wilmer	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications
<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS REGARDING EXCAVATIONS NEAR UNDERGROUND FACILITIES; CREATING AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY BOARD; ALLOCATING THE BOARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY; ESTABLISHING THE BOARD'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; REQUIRING BOARD REVIEW OF DISPUTED CLAIMS; REQUIRING NOTIFICATION CENTERS TO PROVIDE REPORTS; GRANTING THE BOARD RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; ALLOWING FOR THE COLLECTION OF A FEE; ESTABLISHING FINES; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-7-502, 69-4-501, 69-4-502, 69-4-503, 69-4-504, 69-4-505, 69-4-512, AND 69-4-514, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 69-4-508 AND 69-4-513, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."</p>			
HB 522	Extend approval of subdivision application to mutually agreed upon time	Douglas Kary	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS REGARDING THE LOCAL REGULATION OF SUBDIVISIONS; AUTHORIZING A GOVERNING BODY TO EXTEND THE APPROVAL OF A SUBDIVISION APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR A MUTUALLY AGREED-UPON PERIOD OF TIME; REQUIRING THE AGREEMENT FOR THE EXTENSION TO BE IN WRITING; PROVIDING THAT A GOVERNING BODY MAY ISSUE MORE THAN ONE EXTENSION; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-3-610."</p>			
HB 542	Revise subdivision and platting act	John Esp	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/14/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE MONTANA SUBDIVISION AND PLATTING ACT; CLARIFYING THE TIME FOR REVIEW OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS; REQUIRING INFORMATION FROM A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY TO BE SUPPORTED BY A SCIENTIFIC, PEER-REVIEWED <u>REPORT INFORMATION</u>; PROHIBITING CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT IS OR HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN AN EFFORT TO ACQUIRE OR ASSIST OTHERS IN ACQUIRING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY UNDER REVIEW; PROHIBITING A GOVERNING BODY FROM CONSIDERING THE IMPACT OF A SUBDIVISION UNDER REVIEW IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE IMPACTS OF POTENTIAL FUTURE SUBDIVISIONS; PROVIDING THAT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO MITIGATION BY THE SUBDIVIDER MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED NEW INFORMATION; REQUIRING THE DISTRICT COURT TO AWARD REASONABLE COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES TO A SUBDIVIDER WHO PREVAILS ON APPEAL TO THE DISTRICT COURT; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-3-604, 76-3-608, <u>AND</u> 76-3-615, AND 76-3-625, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."</p>			
HB 555	Providing for nonduplication of health insurance benefits	Steve Fitzpatrick	(S) Hearing – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/16/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NONDUPLICATION OF BENEFITS UNDER INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE, INCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLANS; PROVIDING FOR INFORMATION GATHERING FROM INSURED AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR REFUNDS OR CREDITS IF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS RECEIVE DUPLICATE PAYMENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-704, 20-15-225, AND 33-22-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATE."</p>			
HB 604	Provide for fund transfers to the guarantee account and old state fund account	Rob Cook	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/16/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FUND TRANSFERS; AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS FROM THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND SPECIALIZED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT, THE MOTOR VEHICLE AND RECYCLING ACCOUNT, THE ORPHAN SHARE ACCOUNT, THE COAL BED METHANE PROTECTION ACCOUNT, AND THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION ACCOUNT TO THE GUARANTEE ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AUTHORIZING A FUND TRANSFER TO THE OLD STATE FUND WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACCOUNT FROM THE GENERAL FUND; AMENDING SECTIONS 53-19-310, 75-10-532, 75-10-743, 76-15-904, AND 82-11-135, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."</p>			

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HB 608	Close retirement systems and provide for annuity benefit program	Wayne Stahl	(H) Hearing – (H) State Admin. 03/22/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING AN ANNUITY BENEFIT PROGRAM; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING THE DEPARTMENT WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM; REQUIRING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; REQUIRING EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAM; ALLOWING CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; CLOSING EXISTING STATE PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS TO NEW MEMBERS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK A RULING FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-2-303, 19-3-319, 19-3-401, 19-3-412, 19-5-301, 19-6-301, 19-7-301, 19-7-302, 19-8-301, 19-8-302, 19-9-301, 19-13-301, 19-20-101, 19-20-302, AND 20-9-501, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HJ 3	Interim study of interoperability for public safety communications in MT	Edith McClafferty	(H) Resolution Failed*
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF FUNDING OPTIONS FOR THE STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.		
HJ 4	Resolution opposing designation of national monuments without state's consent	Ken Peterson	(H) Filed with Secretary of State
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA OPPOSING THE DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN MONTANA WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR.		
SB 1	Amend assessment of rural special improvement districts	Bruce Tutvedt	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 03/10/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING RECALCULATION OF THE AMOUNT ASSESSABLE TO EACH LOT, TRACT, OR PARCEL IN A SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OR RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IF THE NUMBER OF LOTS, TRACTS, OR PARCELS CHANGES INCREASES; REQUIRING NOTICE OF POSSIBLE RECALCULATIONS DURING THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT; AMENDING SECTION SECTIONS 7-12-2103, 7-12-2105, 7-12-2151, 7-12-4104, 7-12-4106, 7-12-4161, AND 7-12-4162, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 58	Lengthen time DNA evidence must be preserved in certain cases	Lynda Moss	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Judiciary
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT LENGTHENING THE TIME PERIOD FOR WHICH BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE MUST BE PRESERVED AFTER A CONVICTION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR CERTAIN FELONY CRIMINAL OFFENSES; PROVIDING A MINIMUM TIME PERIOD FOR WHICH BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE MUST BE PRESERVED IN CERTAIN FELONY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS WHEN A CONVICTION HAS NOT BEEN OBTAINED; AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF EVIDENTIARY ITEMS THAT ARE IMPRACTICAL TO STORE IF PORTIONS OF THE ITEMS SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT FUTURE DNA TESTING ARE PRESERVED; AMENDING SECTION 46-21-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 91	Update postal service requirements for proposed cities and towns	Taylor Brown	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 03/15/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING POSTAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED CITIES AND TOWNS; AMENDING SECTION 7-2-4101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 98	Exempt nonproductive land within agricultural land parcel from taxation	John Brenden	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Taxation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING AN EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR NONPRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL LAND; REQUIRING AN APPLICATION FOR THE EXEMPTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 108	Revise policy for management of large predators	Debby Barrett	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 03/03/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION WITH CERTAIN COUNTY AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL POLICY DECISIONS REGARDING LARGE PREDATORS AND LARGE GAME SPECIES; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-217, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 150	Provide for protection of rights through actions against public officials	Art Wittich	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CIVIL ACTIONS FOR THE VINDICATION OF VIOLATIONS OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE NONPAYMENT OF COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES; CREATING THE OFFENSE OF OFFICIAL OPPRESSION; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-9-305, MCA."		
SB 174	Prohibit state funds for movement or relocation of bison to Spotted Dog WMA	Gene Vuckovich	(H) Hearing – (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 03/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS FROM EXPENDING ANY FUNDS ON THE RELOCATION OR TRANSPLANTATION OF WILD BUFFALO OR BISON ON THE SPOTTED DOG WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		

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SB 191	Require septic system disclosure on property sale	Ron Erickson	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 03/15/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A SEPTIC SYSTEM DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ON REAL ESTATE DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 217	Revise award of costs to enforce constitutional right-to-know	Terry Murphy	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Judiciary
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT THE EXISTING RIGHT TO ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS IN A LEGAL ACTION TO OBTAIN A DOCUMENT OR TO HAVE ACCESS TO A PUBLIC MEETING APPLIES <u>ONLY</u> TO THE PARTY SEEKING THE DOCUMENT OR ACCESS; CLARIFYING THAT THE RIGHT TO COSTS AND FEES APPLIES TO AN APPEAL FROM A DECISION OF A DISTRICT COURT; AMENDING SECTION 2-3-221, MCA; AND PROVIDING APPLICABILITY DATES."		
SB 219	Revise laws relating to property tax protest	Gary Branae	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 03/14/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO ACCESS TO PROTESTED PROPERTY TAXES; REVISING THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ELECTION ON WHETHER TO WAIVE THE DISTRICT'S RIGHT TO RECEIVE ITS PORTION OF THE PROTESTED TAXES UPON SETTLEMENT OF THE TAX PROTEST; PROVIDING THAT THE ELECTION APPLIES ONLY TO CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY <u>AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY THAT IS ASSESSED ANNUALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT</u> ; ALLOWING LOCAL TAXING JURISDICTIONS TO ACCESS PROTESTED TAXES OF CENTRALLY ASSESSED INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY; REVISING THE CALCULATION OF GUARANTEED TAX BASE AID FOR A DISTRICT THAT ELECTS TO WAIVE ITS RIGHT TO RECEIVE ITS PORTION OF CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROTESTED TAXES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-402, <u>AND 15-1-409, AND 20-9-366</u> , MCA; AND PROVIDING AN <u>EFFECTIVE DATES AND APPLICABILITY DATE DATES</u> ."		
SB 243	General revision of workers' compensation law	Ryan Zinke	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS; PROVIDING A PROCESS FOR CLOSING WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS; OUTLINING CONDITIONS FOR REOPENING AND MEDIATING A CLAIM; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT; REDUCING THE TIME FOR INSURERS TO ACCEPT OR DENY A CLAIM; REVISING THE PROCESS FOR PROVIDING COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES FOR DISPUTED MEDICAL BENEFITS AWARDED BY A COURT; PROVIDING SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOR IMPAIRMENT RATINGS AND ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO CHANGE GUIDANCE BY RULE; EXTENDING CERTAIN BENEFITS UPON CERTIFICATION OF LOSS COST RATIO REDUCTIONS; ALLOWING RETROACTIVE BENEFIT PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN WORKERS; REVISING MEDICAL CLAIM SETTLEMENTS AND LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS; REVISING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES AND TERMS TO ASSIST AN EMPLOYEE IN STAYING AT WORK OR RETURNING TO WORK; ALLOWING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG INTERESTED PARTIES; CREATING A STAY-AT-WORK/RETURN-TO-WORK ASSISTANCE FUND AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FUND; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-71-116, 39-71-118, 39-71-407, 39-71-606, 39-71-611, 39-71-612, 39-71-614, 39-71-703, 39-71-704, 39-71-711, 39-71-712, 39-71-721, 39-71-736, 39-71-737, 39-71-741, 39-71-1011, 39-71-1025, AND 39-71-1031, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND APPLICABILITY DATES."		
SB 266	Revise local coal tax gross proceeds tax abatement	Alan Olson	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 03/14/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE LOCAL ABATEMENT OF THE COAL GROSS PROCEEDS TAX ON COAL PRODUCED BY A NEW OR EXPANDING UNDERGROUND COAL MINE; PROVIDING THAT THE TAX ABATEMENT MAY BE 50% OR LESS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-23-703 AND 15-23-715, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 281	Revise laws on county tax levies and definitions for health care facilities	Taylor Brown	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Taxation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO LEVY A TAX, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN A HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR A COUNTY HEALTH CARE FACILITY; AMENDING SECTION 7-6-2512, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 283	Revise process for changing county boundaries	Jeff Essmann	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 03/24/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING REAL PROPERTY TO BE MOVED FROM ONE COUNTY TO ANOTHER FOR REASONS OF PUBLIC SAFETY; REQUIRING A PETITION AND REQUIRING THAT THE PETITION CONTAIN CERTAIN INFORMATION; REQUIRING THE PETITIONERS TO MEET CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS; REQUIRING BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AFFECTED ADJOINING COUNTIES TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT UPON RECEIPT OF A PETITION BEFORE AN ELECTION MAY BE HELD; REQUIRING THAT THE PROCESS CEASE IF THE ADJOINING COUNTIES ARE UNABLE TO AGREE ON BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR A VOTE AND FORM OF BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR A PROCESS IF THE ELECTORS VOTE TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES; REQUIRING TRANSFER OF CERTIFIED COPIES OF INDEXES AND LAND RECORD ABSTRACTS AND PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ASSOCIATED COSTS; ALLOWING A COUNTY TO WHICH PROPERTY IS TRANSFERRED TO LEVY A TAX; REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES; PROVIDING THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE NOT AFFECTED; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-2-103, 7-2-2201, 7-2-2202, 7-2-2411, 7-2-2412, AND 15-10-420, MCA."		

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SB 288	Provide administrative appeal for special district assessment	Kim Gillan	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Taxation
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING ASSESSMENTS OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT TO BE APPEALED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE DISTRICT; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-11-1027, MCA."			
SB 295	Revise manner of appraising certain property for tax purposes	Bob Lake	(S) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (S) Taxation
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE MANNER OF APPRAISING CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; ALLOWING ANNUAL INFORMAL REVIEWS OF CLASSIFICATION AND APPRAISAL FOR AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, AND FOREST PROPERTY; REQUIRING CERTAIN INFORMATION BE PROVIDED TO AN OBJECTOR FOR USE IN INFORMAL REVIEWS; PROHIBITING AN INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF PROPERTY THROUGH AN INFORMAL REVIEW EXCEPT DUE TO A PHYSICAL CHANGE IN A PROPERTY OR A MISTAKE IN A PROPERTY DESCRIPTION; <u>PROVIDING THAT THE CONSIDERATION PAID ON A MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE MUST BE DISCLOSED IN A REALTY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE</u> ; REQUIRING THE USE OF THE UNIFORM STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL PRACTICE; <u>REQUIRING THAT ERRONEOUS CALCULATION ERRORS MUST BE CORRECTED FOR ALL AFFECTED PROPERTIES</u> ; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-102, 15-7-307, AND 15-8-111, AND 15-8-601, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."			
SB 306	Revise mining laws regarding cyanide health and vat leach open-pit mining	Terry Murphy	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Natural Resources
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROHIBITION OF CYANIDE HEAP AND VAT LEACH OPEN-PIT GOLD AND SILVER MINING; AND AMENDING SECTION 82-4-390, MCA."			
SB 318	Revise assessment review process –extend appeal deadline	Jeff Essmann	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Taxation
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND APPEAL OF A PROPERTY REAPPRAISAL FOR TAX PURPOSES; PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FROM INCREASING THE APPRAISAL OF A PROPERTY UNDER AN ASSESSMENT REVIEW; EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR A PROPERTY OWNER TO REQUEST AN ASSESSMENT REVIEW; EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR A PROPERTY OWNER TO APPEAL AN APPRAISAL TO THE COUNTY TAX APPEAL BOARD; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-102, 15-8-601, AND 15-15-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			
SB 325	Referendum to require majority vote in general elections	Joe Balyeat	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Admin.
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT IN A GENERAL ELECTION, A MAJORITY OF VOTES IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE ELECTED; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			
SB 357	Revise laws for appointment and election of a resigning county commissioner	Bradley Hamlett	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Local Government
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING A RESIGNING MEMBER OF A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN FILLING THE VACANCY TO BE CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-16-501 AND 7-4-2106, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			
SB 372	Lower business equipment tax – phase more reduction on state economic growth	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (S) Taxation
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REDUCING THE TAXATION FOR A PORTION OF THE TAXABLE MARKET VALUE OF CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT OWNED BY A TAXPAYER; PROVIDING FUTURE TAX REDUCTIONS CONTINGENT ON INCREASES IN STATE COLLECTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX AND CORPORATION LICENSE TAX OVER THE REVENUE ESTIMATED AMOUNT ; CHANGING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY; PROVIDING A PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THROUGH SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR THE LOSS OF CLASS EIGHT AND CLASS TWELVE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-138, 15-6-141, AND 15-23-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."			
SB 373	Require disclosure of self ins. local gov't ins. settlements	Jim Shockley	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Taxation
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN AN EMPLOYEE AND AN ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES OR REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES THAT HAVE ELECTED TO SELF-INSURE IS A PUBLIC RECORD."			

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SB 375	Generally revise workers' compensation	Edward Walker	(S) Hearing – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/25/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS; REQUIRING ANY WINDFALL ACCRUED FROM CHANGES TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS TO BE RETURNED TO POLICYHOLDERS OR TO ORIGINATING FUNDS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS PAID FOR STATE EMPLOYEES; REQUIRING THE STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND TO BE REGULATED BY THE STATE AUDITOR; REQUIRING THE STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND TO PAY A FEE TO THE STATE AUDITOR AS AN INSURER; REQUIRING CONFORMITY BY THE STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND WITH RATING ORGANIZATIONS AND CLASSIFICATION CATEGORIES USED BY PRIVATE INSURERS; EXPANDING THE CLASSIFICATION CATEGORIES TO INCLUDE THOSE USED BY STATE FUND; REQUIRING MARKET AND FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS OF STATE FUND; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-1-102, 33-2-708, 33-16-303, 33-16-1001, 33-16-1002, 33-16-1008, 33-16-1012, 33-16-1021, 33-16-1026, 33-16-1035, 39-71-403, 39-71-435, 39-71-2311, 39-71-2314, 39-71-2315, 39-71-2316, 39-71-2330, AND 39-71-2351, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 33-16-1024 AND 39-71-2362, MCA; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES, APPLICABILITY DATES, AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
SB 379	Generally revise county zoning laws	Alan Olson	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING COUNTY ZONING LAWS; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OR REVISION OF BOUNDARIES FOR A ZONING DISTRICT AND THE ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF ZONING REGULATIONS; CLARIFYING ZONING PROTEST REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING THAT A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY VOTE TO OVERRIDE A SUCCESSFUL PROTEST UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DEVELOP FINDINGS OF FACT TO OVERRIDE A ZONING PROTEST; CLARIFYING PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION OF ZONING REGULATIONS AND BOUNDARIES; SUPERSEDING THE UNFUNDED MANDATE LAWS ; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 76-2-101 AND 76-2-205, MCA."		
SB 392	Revise tax laws related to class eight property tax exemptions	Kim Gillan	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Taxation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS RELATED TO THE TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT; INCREASING THE CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT AGGREGATE TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNTS; PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO LOCAL TAXING JURISDICTIONS FOR THE LOSS OF TAXABLE VALUE IN TAX YEAR 2012; PROVIDING A GROWTH PROXY FOR TAXABLE VALUE RELATED TO COUNTY CLASSIFICATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDING DEBT LIMITS; USING THE GROWTH PROXY FOR MARKET VALUE RELATED TO OTHER BONDING DEBT LIMITS; PROHIBITING CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY FROM BEING SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT BUSINESS ENTITIES FOR DETERMINING WHETHER THE AGGREGATE EXEMPTION AMOUNT IS EXCEEDED; LIMITING DISCLOSURE OF TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS OBTAINED IN ADMINISTERING THE EXEMPTION THRESHOLD; PROVIDING THAT THE INCREASE IN THE AGGREGATE EXEMPTION OF CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY DOES NOT OCCUR IF AN APPROPRIATION IS NOT ENACTED; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-2111, 15-6-138, AND 20-9-406, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SJ 6	Resolution regarding federal land use policy	Alan Olson	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 03/18/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXPEDITE THE FEDERAL LAND USE DECISION PROCESSES IN MONTANA, TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADITIONAL MULTIPLE RESOURCE USES ON FEDERAL LANDS, NOT TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON ADDITIONAL FEDERAL LAND OR MINERALS THAT WOULD PRECLUDE DEVELOPMENT, AND TO SUPPORT FEDERAL LEGISLATION PLACING CHECKS AND BALANCES ON THE PRESIDENT'S POWERS TO DECLARE NATIONAL MONUMENTS.		
SJ 14	Resolution urging improved Dept of Livestock communication on bison control	Bob Hawks	(H) Hearing – (H) Agriculture 03/15/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ENCOURAGING IMPROVED COMMUNICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK WITH PRIVATE LANDOWNERS AFFECTED BY BISON CONTROL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE INTERAGENCY BISON MANAGEMENT PLAN.		

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HB 3	Supplemental Approps.	Robert Mehlhoff	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (H) Approps.
HB 4	Approps. by budget amendment	Robert Mehlhoff	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (H) Approps.
HB 6	Renewable resource grants	Bill McChesney	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (H) Approps.

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HB 7	Reclamation and development grants	Tony Belcourt	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (H) Approps.
HB 8	Renewable resource bonds and loans	Jon Sesso	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed—(H) Approps.
HB 9	Cultural and aesthetic grants	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (H) Approps.
HB 10	Long-range information technology Approps.	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (H) Approps.
HB 12	Provide one-year jurisdiction for misdemeanor DUI/BAC offenses	Mike Menahan	(S) Rereferred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 13	State employee pay plan	Cynthia Hiner	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 01/31/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 32	Revise laws regarding general Approps. bills	Ken Peterson	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Approps.
HB 34	Split DPHHS Tobacco Settlement Fund	Trudi Schmidt	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Finance and Claims
HB 35	Eliminate DPHHS reduction of Medicaid physician reimbursement rate	Trudi Schmidt	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Approps.
HB 40	Changing the standard for adoption of administrative rules	Ken Peterson	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) State Admin.
HB 41	Amend law relating to designation of local government auditor	Wayne Stahl	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/23/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 42	Transfer fund balance from coal bed methane account to guarantee account	Galen Hollenbaugh	(S) 2nd Reading Concurred as Amended
HB 46	Revise and clarify the realty transfer act	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/08/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 48	Transfer funds between fire suppression fund and general fund	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 01/12/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 49	Authorize the sale of bonds to fund Blackfeet water compact	Betsy Hands	(S) 2nd Reading Concurred
HB 53	Consolidate state employee benefit plan requirements	Harry Klock	(S) Signed by President
HB 54	Define order & program for certain Department of Livestock functions	Gordon Vance	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 55	Clarify penalty for speed zone violations	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Transportation
HB 65	Revise payment for court interpretation services	Mike Menahan	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 66	Clarify agency to which the state records committee is attached	Kathy Swanson	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) State Admin.
HB 69	Revise jail penalties for DUI court participation	Mike Menahan	(S) Rereferred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 70	Revise laws related to public employees retirement system	Mike Menahan	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 80	Revise unemployment insurance law	Elsie Arntzen	(S) Hearing – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/15/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 82	Require reporting of complaints on physician practices related to med marijuana	Diane Sands	(H) 2nd Reading Senate Amendments Concurred
HB 83	Create prescription drug registry	Tom Berry	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 02/18/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 86	Revise teachers' retirement system laws	Franke Wilmer	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 89	Eliminate local registration, disclosure filing for legis, statewide candidates	Pat Ingraham	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 91	Revise election laws	Pat Ingraham	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 02/09/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 95	Gen revise MT Human Rights Act-Indian preference-subpoenas-attorney fees	Walter McNutt	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (S) Judiciary

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HB 99	Generally revise laws relating to absentee ballots and mail ballots	Pat Ingraham	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 100	Require fiscal notes to include business impact	Gordon Vance	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
HB 101	Revise sewer and water district finance laws and water authority laws	Margaret MacDonald	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 102	Revise probationary driver's license provisions for DUI court participation	Mike Menahan	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 03/09/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 106	Provide for a 24/7 sobriety project for impaired driving offenders	Steve Lavin	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred—(S) Judiciary
HB 110	Generally revise workers' compensation laws	Jeffery Welborn	(S) 2nd Reading Concurred
HB 120	Provide for audio minutes as official minutes	Tom McGillvray	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 131	Clarify responsibilities for expense recovery rel to orphan hazardous materials	Mike Menahan	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 132	Improve, clarify, and make property tax administration more effective	Brian Hoven	(S) Rereferred to Committee – (S) Ag., Livestock and Irrigation
HB 142	Require interim committees review of reports and advisory councils for sunset	Diane Sands	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/18/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 146	Increasing penalties for DUI	Ken Peterson	(H) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 152	Revise proof of residency and identity requirements for voting	Ted Washburn	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 157	Providing refundable income tax credit based on property taxes imposed and paid	Wayne Stahl	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 01/18/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 159	Restrict authority of FWP to regulate ammo or firearms for hunting	Cary Smith	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 02/09/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 161	Repeal medical marijuana law	Mike Milburn	(S) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 162	Prohibit mixing zones for city wastewater discharge	Wayne Stahl	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Natural Resources
HB 165	Deposit certain trust land and river bed income to guarantee account	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/08/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 172	Revise laws related to hunting of grizzly bears	Ted Washburn	(S) Hearing – (S) Fish and Game 03/15/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
HB 174	Repeal prohibition on firearm sound reduction devices in field	Krayton Kerns	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 03/16/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 175	Submit repeal of Montana Medical Marijuana Act to voters of Montana	Keith Regier	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 03/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 179	Disallow unemployment benefits for certain employee terminations	James Knox	(S) Hearing – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/15/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 180	Revise close of voter registration	Champ Edmunds	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/18/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 181	Allow condo unit to be individually counted towards municipal zoning protest	Elsie Arntzen	(S) 2nd Reading Concurred
HB 182	Revise bond requirements for public schools	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 183	Provide for high deductible health insurance thru reimbursements and tax credits	Cary Smith	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 02/15/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 186	Continue allocation to Worksafe Montana thru assessment on work comp insurer	Chuck Hunter	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 02/15/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 196	Provide that Dept. of Commerce assist local gov't with fed land management props	Pat Connell	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 02/08/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 197	Constitutional amendment allowing legislature to change retirement plans	Brian Hoven	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) State Admin.
HB 203	Allow evidence of other crimes in prosecution of sexual offenses	Mike Menahan	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 03/23/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 204	Allow any school board trustee of certain districts to preside over board	Daniel Salomon	(H) Transmitted to Governor

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HB 211	Revise laws relating to municipal general obligation bonds	Pat Ingraham	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/16/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 217	Extend property tax exemption for disabled veterans to include assessments	Mike Miller	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Taxation
HB 223	Replace residential property tax assistance with property tax circuit breaker	Dick Barrett	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 01/25/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 230	Transfer board of crime control to corrections	Steve Gibson	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 03/22/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 317
HB 239	Mandated benefits review by Insurance Commissioner for Legislature	Cary Smith	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 02/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 243	Revise laws on uninsured motorists	Douglas Kary	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/08/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 258	Revise definition of guest ranch	Champ Edmunds	(S) Hearing – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/16/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 259	Revise motor vehicle laws regarding intersections	Cleve Loney	(S) 2nd Reading Concurred
HB 262	Extend requirement for emergency medical service grant program	Diane Sands	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 03/16/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 317
HB 263	Revise county water and sewer district assessment law	Gordon Vance	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 264	Allow any person to file complaint with insurance commissioner	Gordon Vance	(S) Hearing – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/10/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 265	Prohibit insurer from disregarding cost item identified by estimating system	Gordon Vance	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways & Transportation 03/10/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 269	Provide for "blue alert" system regarding violent offenders	Steve Lavin	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 03/10/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 271	Exception to concealed weapon offense if eligible to apply	Krayton Kerns	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 03/16/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 273	Generally revise roadway access laws	Robert Mehlhoff	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred— (S) Ag., Livestock and Irrigation
HB 274	Provide that employment of an unauthorized alien is unlawful	David Howard	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/08/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 275	Provide offset of personal consumption expenses in survival actions	Scott Reichner	(S) Hearing – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/21/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 277	Provide for regulation of golf cart operation	Ted Washburn	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways & Transportation 03/08/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 283	Allow sex to be considered in certain insurance coverage	Liz Bangerter	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 02/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 292	Constitutional referendum amending right to a clean and healthful environment	Dan Kennedy	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 03/17/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 293	Provide tax exempt status for certain land owned by veterans' organizations	Pat Connell	(S) 2nd Reading Concurred
HB 295	Defining and recording wind energy rights	Rob Cook	(S) Hearing – (S) Energy and Telecommunications 03/15/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
HB 305	Remove property tax exemption for hospitals other than critical access hospitals	Keith Regier	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Taxation
HB 306	Eliminate requirement for notary public to keep and maintain a journal	Tom Berry	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/16/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 307	Prohibit building codes from requiring some mandatory sprinkler systems	Tom Burnett	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 308	Constitutional amendment for property tax valuation on acquisition value	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 02/03/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 152

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HB 310	Clarify initiatives language	Joanne Blyton	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/14/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 315	Revise historic traction boiler inspection and traction license requirements	Margaret MacDonald	(S) Hearing – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/22/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 322	Provide enforcement of unlicensed practice	Kathy Swanson	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Business and Labor
HB 330	Require voter registration forms provide option for subsequent absentee ballots	Bryce Bennett	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) State Admin.
HB 331	State assistance for economic damage by brucellosis	David Howard	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/08/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 352	Revise laws relating to water quality standards and provide alternatives	Ryan Osmundson	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (S) Natural Resources
HB 359	Revise workers' compensation law on settlements & lump-sum payments	Gordon Vance	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 360	Criminalize passengers failure to report certain motor vehicle accidents	Daniel Salomon	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 365	Revise laws regarding involuntary commitment	Mike Menahan	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 02/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 367	Delaying motor vehicle insurance verification system implementation	Gary MacLaren	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 370	Increase motor vehicle fee for state parks and Virginia & Nevada Cities	Carolyn Squires	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Fish and Game
HB 377	Revise laws to allow medication aides in nursing homes	Wendy Warburton	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/08/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 378	Provide criteria for pay equity and dispute processes	Franke Wilmer	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Business and Labor
HB 379	Generally revise search warrant requirements	Mike Menahan	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 03/23/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 380	Revise laws related to water and waste water systems and districts	Mark Blasdel	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 381	Criminalize enforcement of certain federal firearms laws	Krayton Kerns	(H) 2nd Reading Not Passed*
HB 384	Revise carrying concealed weapon in prohibited places	Krayton Kerns	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 03/16/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 388	Statutorily require comparison of spending, budgets & various economic indices	Rob Cook	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Approps.
HB 391	Prohibit local initiative from establishing priority of enforcement of state law	Tom Berry	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 395	Consider housing needs in discharge plans from mental health facilities	Ellie Boldman Hill	(H) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 399	Allow transfer of salvage title work without notary signature	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Sent to Enrolling
HB 402	Revise zoning laws for sand and gravel	Matthew Rosendale	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred— (S) Natural Resources
HB 403	Revise cluster development law	Gary MacLaren	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/18/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 404	Repeal term limits for state senators and state representatives by referendum	Kris Hansen	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) State Admin.
HB 405	Medical malpractice reform	Janna Taylor	(S) Hearing – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/22/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 410	Establish principles for social service provider rates	Bill Beck	(S) Hearing – (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety 03/04/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
HB 411	Authorizing the actual cost of meals for certain wildland firefighters	Franke Wilmer	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/09/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 418	Revise term limits for legislators	Champ Edmunds	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) State Admin.

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HB 423	Authorize blackjack tables to fund social services	Tony Belcourt	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 02/10/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 429	Revise procedures related to the Medical Marijuana Act	Tom Berry	(H) Taken from 2nd Reading; Rereferred to Committee – (H) Human Services
HB 430	Revise laws regarding administration of conservation districts	Cleve Loney	(S) Hearing – (S) Ag., Livestock and Irrigation 03/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 431	Eliminate state election day as a legal holiday	Keith Regier	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/18/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 444	Create budget database website for taxpayer right to know	Tom Burnett	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/09/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 445	Allow health care choice thru out-of-state policies	Cary Smith	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/09/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 446	Address homeless prevention for people under Dept. of Corrections supervision	Ellie Boldman Hill	(S) 2nd Reading Concurred
HB 448	Enact interstate compact for enforcement of firearms freedom laws	Krayton Kerns	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 03/17/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 463	Revise property tax reappraisal process by specifying burden of proof on value	Scott Reichner	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/15/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 466	Generally revise major facilities act	Ryan Osmundson	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications
HB 472	Conduct an interim study to generally revise tax laws	Gordon Hendrick	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 03/09/2011; 8:30 AM, Rm 152
HB 480	Revise laws relating to justice's court	Mike Menahan	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 03/23/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 481	Revise state land laws for regional water systems	Tony Belcourt	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred— (S) Natural Resources
HB 483	Revise campaign finance regulation of churches and community groups	David Howard	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/23/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 484	Clarify receipt of absentee ballots for subsequent elections is not permanent	Carolyn Squires	(S) 2nd Reading Concurred
HB 486	Generally revise laws on release of health information	Janna Taylor	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Human Services
HB 489	Revise statutory rules for determining residency for voting and registration	Jerry O'Neil	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/23/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 492	Prohibit immigration sanctuary policies by local governments	David Howard	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 03/18/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 494	Revise laws relating to subdivision exemptions	Champ Edmunds	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/09/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 496	Allowing law enforcement agencies to destroy certain firearms they possess	Mike Menahan	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 03/16/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 507	Create safe Montana highways act	Bryce Bennett	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Transportation
HB 508	Require payment of partial salary to injured rural firefighter	Mary McNally	(S) Hearing – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/24/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 509	Exempt from taxation fuel for contractors transporting school district pupils	Edith McClafferty	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) Transportation
HB 512	Portion of new coal severance and oil & gas production taxes to school flex	Jerry O'Neil	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 03/16/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 513	Require state to back transactions of state business with gold & silver coin	Bob Wagner	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (H) State Admin.
HB 516	Limiting local ordinances to state protected classes	Kris Hansen	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/14/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
HB 529	Revise certain document fees for mining claims	Wayne Stahl	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/23/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405

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HB 530	Allow counties to prepare mail ballots before election day	Ted Washburn	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 538	Providing for sale of bonds at public or private sale	Ken Peterson	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/16/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 541	Exempt domestic livestock trailing from FWP regulation and MEPA	Jeffery Welborn	(S) Hearing – (S) Ag., Livestock and Irrigation 03/10/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 545	Create study committee to design manual of emergency preparedness	Joe Read	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/09/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 552	Provide workers' comp to volunteer firefighters and EMS workers	Alan Hale	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 560	Increase public involvement in urban renewal areas	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 03/15/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 561	Revise terminology and criteria for factors in urban renewal districts	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 03/15/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 562	Require notification of local governments and schools of urban renewal district	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 03/15/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 563	Provide for public-private partnerships	Elsie Arntzen	(S) Hearing – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/24/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 564	Requiring urban renewal districts not supplant municipal services	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 03/15/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 567	Revise property appraisal process by allowing extended assessment review	Scott Reichner	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/22/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 573	Generally revise health insurance laws for data and analysis generation	Chuck Hunter	(S) Committee Report—Bill Concurred—(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
HB 575	Generally revise annexation laws	Kris Hansen	(S) Hearing – (S) Local Government 03/09/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 577	Revise taxes by removing tip income for unemployment and work comp purposes	Wayne Stahl	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 03/10/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 584	Allow use of older license plates on motor vehicles	Robert Mehlhoff	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways & Transportation 03/15/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 590	Create health insurance pooling for certain public employees	Edith McClafferty	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/10/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 594	Require a recycled content in state contracts and highway construction	Jon Sesso	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways & Transportation 03/22/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 595	Provide 2-year reappraisal for class 4 and 1-year reappraisal for class 3 & 10	Wayne Stahl	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 03/09/2011; 8:30 AM, Rm 152
HB 596	Abolish income tax with replacement sales tax	Tom McGillvray	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Taxation
HB 597	Revise state public employee retirement systems	Scott Reichner	(H) Tabled in Committee* – (H) State Admin.
HB 599	Prohibit leaving unattended equipment and material in clear recovery area	Tom McGillvray	(H) Hearing – (H) Transportation 03/09/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 605	Create incentive programs to reward healthy choices	Tom Burnett	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/16/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 609	Referendum on freedom to choose health insurance coverage	Gary MacLaren	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 03/17/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 172
HB 610	General revise certain fees to implement House Bill No. 2	Rob Cook	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 613	Generally revise elements of the budget process to implement House Bill No. 2	Don Roberts	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 03/18/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 615	Advance cancer research and treatment	Kathleen Williams	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 03/22/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 172

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HB 616	Correct erroneous agriculture land values, provide remedy, create ag. committee	Lee Randall	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Taxation
HJ 1	Resolution urging federal legislation removing wolf from Endangered Species list	Mike Milburn	(S) Committee Report—Bill Concurred—(S) Fish and Game
HJ 2	Revenue estimating resolution	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 03/17/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
HJ 9	Interim study of self-governing authority by school boards	James Knox	(H) Committee Report—Bill Passed as Amended—(H) Education
SB 12	Repeal obsolete business equipment property tax reimbursement	Ron Erickson	(H) Committee Report—Bill Concurred -- (H) Taxation
SB 13	Revise fee for state parks on light vehicle registration to require opt-in	John Brenden	(S) Rereferred to Committee – (S) Finance and Claims
SB 15	Create misdemeanor crime of aggravated DUI	Larry Jent	(H) Hearing – (H) Judiciary 03/17/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
SB 21	Court dismissal of case with no action	Jim Shockley	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 22	Allow public disclosure of certain information in commercial realty transfer	Jeff Essmann	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Taxation
SB 24	Revise involuntary commitment of alcoholics	Jim Shockley	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Judiciary
SB 28	Clarify mental health diversion grant awards are based on admissions to MSH	Christine Kaufmann	(H) Returned to Senate with Amendments
SB 32	Revise interim committee laws	David Wanzenried	(H) Returned to Senate
SB 34	Revise interim committees	Jeff Essmann	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 35	Revise laws related to navigable river beds	Bradley Hamlett	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 03/07/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
SB 38	Revise laws related to state land trust interest and income revenue	Bob Hawks	(H) Returned to Senate
SB 41	Allow cities to establish courts of record	Jim Shockley	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 42	Authorize warrants to obtain blood or breath test in DUI cases	Jim Shockley	(H) Hearing – (H) Judiciary 03/17/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
SB 49	Revise size of trailer license plates	Gary Branae	(H) 2nd Reading Concurred
SB 53	Amend MAPA to change required language of an e-notice of proposed rule	Joe Balyeat	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 55	Implement the federal military and overseas empowerment act	Larry Jent	(H) Hearing – (H) State Admin. 03/10/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
SB 66	Revise laws governing establishment of community college districts	Bob Lake	(H) Hearing – (H) Education 03/04/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
SB 67	Temporarily suspend juvenile delinquency intervention program annual evaluation	Jim Shockley	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 68	Clarify duty of driver in accident to remain at the scene	Larry Jent	(H) Hearing – (H) Judiciary 03/17/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
SB 72	Revise contracting authority for community corrections programs	Kim Gillan	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 75	Allow flexible hours for local property tax operations	Jon Sonju	(H) Hearing – (H) Taxation 03/02/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
SB 82	Provide for a primary seat belt law	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Highways & Transportation
SB 84	Revise deposit of fish and wildlife fines, restitution, damages	John Brenden	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Finance and Claims
SB 89	Reduce DEQ and local sanitation review times	Art Wittich	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Natural Resources
SB 95	Revise notary stamp requirements	Jim Shockley	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 106	Compel participation in lawsuit on health care reform	Jason Priest	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 110	Exclude land occupied by county road from taxation	John Brenden	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Taxation
SB 111	Limit noneconomic damages in motor vehicle accidents	Jon Sonju	(H) Hearing – (H) Transportation 03/16/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 455

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SB 113	Transfer statutory excess retirement funds in trust by school districts to TRS	Larry Jent	(H) Hearing – (H) State Admin. 03/15/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
SB 114	Federal law enforcement officers should communicate with sheriff	Greg Hinkle	(H) Hearing – (H) Judiciary 03/17/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
SB 117	Coordination between counties, districts, and federal government	Greg Hinkle	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 03/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 120	Require publishing of appointed members to all state agency boards	John Brenden	(H) Committee Report—Bill Concurred as Amended—(H) State Admin.
SB 122	Require passage of revenue estimating resolution	David Wanzenried	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Taxation
SB 128	Exempt fire department emergency wells from permitting	Bob Lake	(H) 2nd Reading Concurred
SB 129	Referendum to limit state employee salaries and benefits	Dave Lewis	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 02/03/2011; 5:00 PM, Rm 317
SB 131	Allow business improvement district to make an assessment on a percentage basis	Cliff Larsen	(S) Bill Not Heard at Sponsor's Request – (S) Taxation
SB 142	Revise public notice of predator transplantation	Debby Barrett	(H) Hearing – (H) Agriculture 03/08/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
SB 143	Revise state grizzly bear policy	Debby Barrett	(H) Hearing – (H) Agriculture 03/08/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
SB 151	Provide a court surcharge to fund Montana Crime Prevention Association	Taylor Brown	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Judiciary
SB 152	Increase the penalty for sexual assault for second and subsequent offenses	Taylor Brown	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 154	Regulating medical marijuana provider supply system	Dave Lewis	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 02/11/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 162	Reimburse counties for all costs associated with legislative referenda	David Wanzenried	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Local Government
SB 170	Revise medical marijuana laws on obtaining certificate for chronic pain	Jeff Essmann	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 01/31/2011; 10:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 171	Revise personal property exempt subject to value limitations	Anders Blewett	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Taxation
SB 176	Prohibit qualified health plans from covering abortion services through exchange	Rowlie Hutton	(H) Committee Report—Bill Concurred--(H) Human Services
SB 178	Referendum on opting out of daylight savings time	Terry Murphy	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 182	Eliminate 2 advisory units for board of regents	Kendall Van Dyk	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) State Admin.
SB 187	Generally revise public defender laws	Jim Shockley	(S) Hearing – (S) Judiciary 02/02/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 198	Revise fiscal note law	Joe Balyeat	(H) Hearing – (H) State Admin. 03/09/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
SB 207	Clarify regulation of bison	Frederick Moore	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 216	Designate the "code of the west" the "code of Montana"	Jim Peterson	(H) Hearing – (H) Agriculture 03/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
SB 223	Revise volunteer firefighter pensions	Ryan Zinke	(H) Committee Report—Bill Concurred—(H) Business and Labor
SB 227	Requiring a report on advertising of state government services	Jason Priest	(H) Hearing – (H) State Admin. 03/09/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
SB 228	Prohibit creation of health insurance exchange under PPACA	Jason Priest	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 03/10/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 172
SB 233	Generally revise environmental impact laws	Jim Keane	(H) Hearing – (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications 03/09/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172

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No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 234	Generally revise municipal solid waste services	Jon Sonju	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 03/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 236	Revise solid waste laws related to local government	Edward Buttrey	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 03/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 237	Revise laws relating to brucellosis surveillance	Ron Arthun	(H) Hearing – (H) Agriculture 03/22/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
SB 238	Increase jurisdictional limit for justice , city, and small claims courts	Anders Blewett	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concluded as Amended— (H) Judiciary
SB 239	Temporarily prohibiting DEQ enforcement authority for public water systems	Art Wittich	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Natural Resources
SB 241	Revise calculation of physician reimbursement for Medicaid services	Jason Priest	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 03/09/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
SB 242	Revising workers' compensation law on agricultural workers	John Brenden	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concluded— (H) Business and Labor
SB 251	Prohibit texting while driving	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (S) Highways & Transportation
SB 253	Eliminate certain individual and corporation tax credits	Bob Lake	(S) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (S) Taxation
SB 254	Provide state eminent domain authority for federal lands	Rowlie Hutton	(H) Hearing – (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications 03/16/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 257	Referendum to revise election laws	Joe Balyeat	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) State Admin.
SB 261	Constitutional referendum to require annual sessions and reduce days	Jeff Essmann	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Taxation
SB 265	Reduce property taxes on new construction for use of gray water systems	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Taxation
SB 275	Revise laws relating to public cemeteries	Ryan Zinke	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 03/17/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 278	Provide for ambulance membership programs	Carmine Mowbray	(H) Hearing – (H) Transportation 03/23/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
SB 279	Allow legislative security personnel w/permit to carry weapon into Capitol	Verdell Jackson	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concluded as Amended— (H) Judiciary
SB 287	Require certain corporate officers or managers of LLC's to obtain work comp	Jim Keane	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Business and Labor
SB 294	Revise workforce training grant program	Edward Buttrey	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 298	Revise land use laws regarding wildland urban interface	Chas Vincent	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 03/24/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 301	Moratorium on land purchases by dept. of fish, wildlife, and parks	Rick Ripley	(H) Hearing – (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 03/22/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
SB 303	Generally revise state land laws	John Brenden	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Local Government
SB 308	Provide for criminal offense for refusal of alcohol testing	Cliff Larsen	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Judiciary
SB 312	Revise metal mine laws	Chas Vincent	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Natural Resources
SB 315	Revise school law on standard of review for school board decisions	Rick Ripley	(H) Hearing – (H) Education 03/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 137

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No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 317	Generally revise the Montana Environmental Policy Act	Chas Vincent	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 320	Clarifying certain provisions of the Major Facility Siting Act	Llew Jones	(H) Hearing – (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications 03/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 328	Require PERS new hires to be in DC plan	Dave Lewis	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 03/15/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 317
SB 338	Revise laws regarding certain officials and public service announcements	Ron Arthun	(H) Hearing – (H) State Admin. 03/17/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
SB 340	Clarifying the enforcement of laws related to fire hazard reduction	Chas Vincent	(H) Hearing – (H) Local Government 03/24/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 342	Define misconduct for unemployment insurance laws	Edward Buttrey	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred— (H) Business and Labor
SB 343	Revise Montana aquatic invasive species act	Verdell Jackson	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 03/04/2011; 9:00 AM, Rm 317
SB 347	Revise the private property assessment act	Bob Lake	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
SB 351	Revise laws governing managed care	Rick Ripley	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred— (H) Business and Labor
SB 353	Revise payments in lieu of tax for DFWP lands	John Brenden	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Taxation
SB 356	Clarifying definition of good cause for water right objections	Bradley Hamlett	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 03/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
SB 361	Generally revise gambling laws	Rick Ripley	(H) 2nd Reading Concurred
SB 362	Requiring health insurance rates be filed with insurance commissioner for review	Alan Olson	(S) Rereferred to Committee – (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
SB 363	Provide surcharge on FWP land transactions for funding invasive species	John Brenden	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Finance and Claims
SB 366	Generally revise welfare laws	Chas Vincent	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 03/18/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
SB 376	Revise local government laws to expand maturity date limitations on investments	Bob Lake	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 377	Generally revise tax laws to require adop. of revenue est. for taxes & other rev	Kim Gillan	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Taxation
SB 378	Notice required for recording instrument affecting title to real property	Ryan Zinke	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Taxation
SB 382	Require the Department of Revenue to provide certain information to taxpayer	Kim Gillan	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 02/18/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 384	Eliminate certain committees and boards in Dept. of Agriculture	Kendall Van Dyk	(H) Hearing – (H) Agriculture 03/15/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
SB 393	Revise tax law by providing refundable tax credit for property taxes paid	Kendall Van Dyk	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 03/10/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 395	Extend class 14 tax classification to all new generating and fuel facilities	Art Wittich	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 03/16/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 397	Increase authority of commissioner of political practices for noncompliance	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Hearing – (S) State Admin. 03/18/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 401	Constitutional trust fund for oil and gas taxes	Ron Erickson	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Taxation
SB 403	Generally revise K-12 school funding	Llew Jones	(S) Hearing – (S) Education and Cultural Resources 03/14/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 406	Central assessment mediation instead of dispute review or tax appeal board	Jeff Essmann	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 03/17/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405

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No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 407	Limit increases in centrally assessed property value for study	Bob Lake	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 03/22/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SJ 12	Resolution urging oil and gas leasing of federal land	Edward Walker	(H) Hearing – (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications 03/21/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SJ 16	Study resolution on increasing passenger rail in Montana	Tom Facey	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways & Transportation 03/22/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SJ 17	Interim study of valuing centrally assessed property for tax purposes	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 03/17/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 405

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