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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 – Session Adjourned!!

As Revised by Leadership — April 20, 2011

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 11:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
Feb. 24:	Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber	April 13:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills, Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions, and Bills Proposing Referendums
Feb. 25-28:	Transmittal Break	April 20:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
March 17:	Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions	April 28:	Sine Die – Adjourned Early
March 19:	Last day to request Bills Proposing Referendums or for Committee to request Revenue Bills	April 30:	Would've been the 90 th Legislative Day
March 25:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills		

Happenings from the Hill – Session Adjourned!

To better keep our members informed about what occurred at the Montana Capitol, we updated our Legislative page (and the homepage) on the MACo website daily with happenings from the 62nd Legislative Session.

If you're interested in getting a little info on what happened on the hill, [click here to check out our updates over the course of the session](#).

Bills with an Immediate Effective Date (These Bills Have Become Law)

No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Effective Date	Chapter No.
HB 54	Define order & program for certain Department of Livestock functions	Gordon Vance	3/11/2011	5
HB 19	Clarify that the Clean Indoor Air Act applies to smoking of medical marijuana	Diane Sands	3/16/2011	7
HB 156	Increase the rate of payment of interment allowance and headstone	Frank Smith	3/23/2011	33
HB 359	Revise workers' compensation law on settlements & lump-sum payments	Gordon Vance	3/23/2011	36
HB 399	Allow transfer of salvage title work without notary signature	Elsie Arntzen	3/25/2011	74
HB 28	Revise requirements for proposed septic mixing zones	Walter McNutt	3/30/2011	83
HB 63	Revise liquor laws related to nonprofits and protest	Pat Noonan	3/30/2011	86
HB 293	Provide tax exempt status for certain land owned by veterans' organizations	Pat Connell	4/1/2011	107
HB 484	Clarify receipt of absentee ballots for subsequent elections is not permanent	Carolyn Squires	4/1/2011	111
HB 123	Revise county and school district budgeting timelines	Edith McClafferty	4/10/2011	152
HB 430	Revise laws regarding administration of conservation districts	Cleve Loney	4/8/2011	162
HB 334	Generally revise workers' compensation	Scott Reichner	4/12/2011	167
SB 91	Update postal service requirements for proposed cities and towns	Taylor Brown	4/14/2011	177
HB 575	Generally revise annexation laws	Kris Hansen	4/15/2011	186
SB 55	Implement the federal military and overseas empowerment act	Larry Jent	4/15/2011	190
SB 236	Revise solid waste laws related to local government	Edward Buttrey	4/15/2011	196
HB 191	Revise regulation of retail food establishment exemptions	Kelly Flynn	4/18/2011	208
HB 352	Revise laws relating to water quality standards and provide alternatives	Ryan Osmundson	4/18/2011	213
SB 89	Reduce DEQ and local sanitation review times	Art Wittich	4/18/2011	217
HB 12	Revise jurisdiction for misdemeanor DUI/BAC offenses	Mike Menahan	4/20/2011	225
HB 279	Providing disaster and emergency services to tribal governments	Frank Smith	4/20/2011	228
SB 28	Clarify mental health diversion grant awards are based on admissions to MSH	Christine Kaufmann	4/20/2011	232
HB 166	Revise weed control laws	John Esp	4/21/2011	244
HB 277	Provide for regulation of golf cart operation	Ted Washburn	4/22/2011	247
HB 538	Providing for sale of bonds at public or private sale	Ken Peterson	4/22/2011	253
HB 602	Require interim study of exempt water wells	Walter McNutt	4/21/2011	256
SB 219	Revise laws relating to property tax protest	Gary Branae	4/21/2011	261
SB 357	Revise laws for appointment and election of a resigning county commissioner	Bradley Hamlett	4/21/2011	266
SB 42	Authorize warrants to obtain blood or breath test in DUI cases	Jim Shockley	4/28/2011	283
SB 420	Revise local government audit laws	Steven Gallus	4/28/2011	289
SB 75	Allow flexible hours for local property tax operations	Jon Sonju	4/29/2011	295
SB 340	Clarifying the enforcement of laws related to fire hazard reduction	Chas Vincent	4/29/2011	305

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	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	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	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENTS OF LIVESTOCK OR FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS MAY AUTHORIZE ANY TRANSPLANTATION OR RELOCATION 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	Chapter Number Assigned
	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) Tabled in Committee – (H) Fish, Wildlife & Parks
	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	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT PROHIBITING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO PREVENT A PROPOSED USE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROHIBITING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO PREVENT AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-206, MCA.			
SB 212 LC1052	Clarify FWP authority to manage wild buffalo or bison	2010-14	Rick Ripley	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO MANAGE WILD BUFFALO OR BISON; 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.			
SB 248 LC0421	Allow five member county tax appeal board	2010-02	Kim Gillan	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT A COUNTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITH THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OVER THREE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY; PROVIDING THAT IN COUNTIES WITH 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) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT LAWS; PROVIDING FOR CREATION OF TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS; ALLOWING COUNTIES TO CREATE TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS AND TO USE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING; ADDING COMPONENTS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN; REMOVING PROVISIONS FOR CREATION OF AND BONDING IN TECHNOLOGY DISTRICTS, AEROSPACE TRANSPORTATION AND TECHNOLOGY DISTRICTS, AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-15-4282, 7-15-4283, 7-15-4284, 7-15-4286, 7-15-4288, 7-15-4290, 7-15-4292, 7-15-4293, 7-15-4294, 7-15-4301, 7-15-4302, 7-15-4304, AND 7-15-4324, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-15-4295, 7-15-4296, 7-15-4297, 7-15-4298, 7-15-4299, AND 17-5-820, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.			
SB 417 LC0866	Define military affected areas	2010-12	Brian Hoven	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT CREATING THE MILITARY AREA COMPATIBILITY ACT; ALLOWING A GOVERNING BODY TO DESIGNATE MILITARY AFFECTED AREAS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING FOR MILITARY AFFECTED AREA REGULATIONS; REQUIRING MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE MILITARY AFFECTED AREA; REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE DESIGNATION OF A MILITARY AFFECTED AREA; ALLOWING CREATION OF A JOINT REGULATION BOARD; PROVIDING FOR PRIOR NONCONFORMING USES IN A MILITARY AFFECTED AREA; ALLOWING REGULATIONS TO BE PART OF ZONING ORDINANCES; REQUIRING A PERMIT SYSTEM; REQUIRING THE REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT; ESTABLISHING AN APPEALS PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES AND REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS.			

MACo Resolutions/Legislation That Missed a 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*
<p>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."</p>				
SB 85 LC0580	Revise commissioners authority on use of county roads	2010-10	Cliff Larsen	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*
<p>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."</p>				
SB 383 LC0865	Define spot zoning	2010-21	Llew Jones	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*
<p>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."</p>				

MACo Priority Watch List

No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Walter McNutt	(H) Transmitted to Governor
<p>AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2013; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.</p>			
HB 11	Treasure state endowment program and transfers of money to the general fund	Jon Sesso	(H) Died in Process*
<p>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."</p>			
HB 19	Clarify that the Clean Indoor Air Act applies to smoking of medical marijuana	Diane Sands	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>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.</p>			
HB 20	Authorize county social host liability ordinances	Gordon Hendrick	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Local Government
<p>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."</p>			
HB 22	Extend the sunset on wireless 9-1-1 funding for less populated counties	Harry Klock	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>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.</p>			

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No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 28	Revise requirements for septic mixing zones	Walter McNutt	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REQUIRING THAT PROPOSED DRAINFIELD MIXING ZONES BE LOCATED WHOLLY WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION WHERE THE DRAINFIELD IS LOCATED 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; AMENDING SECTION 76-4-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
HB 43	Clarifying employer's rights related to employee use of medical marijuana	Gary MacLaren	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	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 61	Allow local jurisdictions to set lower speed limits on unpaved roads	Gary MacLaren	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT ALLOWING A LOCAL AUTHORITY TO SET REDUCED SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN UNPAVED ROADS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-310, MCA.		
HB 122	Provide for benefit and funding changes to public employees retirement system	Sue Malek	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	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; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-3-108, 19-3-315, 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	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN DEADLINES RELATIVE TO SCHOOL AND LOCAL GOV. FINANCING LAWS; AMENDING SECTIONS 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, 2 439, 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; REPEAL 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	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	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.		
HB 135	Provide benefit and funding changes to sheriffs retirement system	Carolyn Squires	Chapter Number Assigned
	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; AMENDING SECTION 19-7-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 140	Transfer funds from the economic development special revenue account	Cynthia Hiner	(H) 3rd Reading Not Passed as Amended by Senate
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY ALLOCATION TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND OF 50% OF THE EARNINGS DEPOSITED INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-5-703 AND 90-1-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HB 156	Increase the rate of payment of interment allowance and headstone	Frank Smith	Chapter Number Assigned
	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	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING WEED CONTROL LAWS; REQUIRING COUNTY APPROVAL OF WEED MANAGEMENT PLANS; CLARIFYING DUTY OF A PROPERTY OWNER TO INFORM 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.		

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HB 187	Provide for Montana-made wooden products in highway and road specs	Pat Connell	Chapter Number Assigned
	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	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT ELIMINATING COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS; REPLACING REFERENCES TO COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS WITH AMOUNT OF TAXABLE VALUATION OR POPULATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-641, 2-18-702, 7-2-2213, 7-2-2218, 7-2-2222, 7-2-2225, 7-3-1214, 7-3-1306, 7-3-1341, 7-4-2405, 7-4-2601, 7-4-2602, 7-4-2703, 7-4-2705, 7-4-3006, 7-6-2102, 7-6-2401, 7-6-2413, 7-21-3211, 7-22-2142, 7-32-101, 7-32-2102, 7-32-2111, 13-17-101, 15-23-703, 15-24-3001, 15-36-332, 15-39-110, 30-14-122, 39-4-107, 80-7-814, AND 90-6-1001, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-1-2111 AND 7-1-2112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 252	Prohibit dept. of transportation from recovering indirect costs for fed grants	Brian Hoven	Chapter Number Assigned
	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) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE AND INCOME; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE AND INCOME TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND AND THE GUARANTEE ACCOUNT; 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 THE LODGING FACILITY USE TAX; REVISING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL MINERAL LEASING FUNDS TO COUNTIES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF THE GENETICS PROGRAM FEE; 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, 15-65-121, 17-3-240, 33-2-712, 75-1-1101, 82-11-131, AND 82-11-161, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND TERMINATION DATES.		
HB 317	Sunset statutory Approps. over certain periods	Rob Cook	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT PROVIDING TERMINATION DATES FOR STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS; 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, 10-1-108, 10-1-1202, 10-1-1303, 10-2-603, 10-3-312, 15-65-121, 15-70-369, 15-70-601, 16-11-509, 17-3-112, 17-7-502, 20-8-107, 20-9-534, 20-9-622, 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, 53-1-109, 53-24-108, 53-24-206, 61-3-415, 69-3-870, 75-5-1108, 75-6-214, 75-11-313, 80-11-518, 81-10-103, 82-11-161, 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	Chapter Number Assigned
	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 333	Include bank repossessions in property reappraisal comparables	Scott Reichner	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	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 SECTIONS 15-7-307 AND 15-8-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
HB 334	Generally revise workers' compensation	Scott Reichner	Chapter Number Assigned
	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 BIENNIIUM; REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO SUBMIT REPORTS ON THE MONTANA STATE FUND TO THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER; REVISING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES AND TERMS TO ASSIST AN EMPLOYEE IN STAYING AT WORK OR RETURNING TO WORK; CREATING A STAY-AT-WORK/RETURN-TO-WORK ASSISTANCE FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENTS; EXTENDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-71-105, 39-71-116, 39-71-118, 39-71-225, 39-71-315, 39-71-320, 39-71-403, 39-71-407, 39-71-703, 39-71-704, 39-71-711, 39-71-721, 39-71-736, 39-71-741, 39-71-1011, 39-71-1025, 39-71-1031, 39-71-1101, 39-71-1102, 39-71-1106, AND 39-71-2361, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES.		

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HB 338	Revise the document standards law	John Esp	Chapter Number Assigned
	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 351	Treasure state endowment Approps. and transfers to the general fund	Rob Cook	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	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; RETAINING THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM FUND WITHIN THE COAL SEVERANCE TAX TRUST FUND FOR AN ADDITIONAL 4 YEARS; EXTENDING TRANSFERS TO THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT FUND AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM FUND TO 2020; REVISING GRANT CONDITIONS AND RANKING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-5-703, 90-6-703, AND 90-6-710, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 6, CHAPTER 495, LAWS OF 1999, AND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 70, LAWS OF 2001; REPEALING SECTION 2, CHAPTER 70, LAWS OF 2001; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 366	Revise county interim zoning law	Matthew Rosendale	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING COUNTY INTERIM ZONING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES; REQUIRING A COUNTY TO INITIATE A STUDY OR INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY; LIMITING A RESOLUTION FOR AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO 182 DAYS FROM THE DATE IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE; ELIMINATING THE SPECIFICATION OF EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR THE EXTENSION OF A RESOLUTION FOR AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-206, MCA.		
HB 375	Reduce certain general fund transfers	Rob Cook	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING TRANSFERS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND; REDUCING TRANSFERS TO CERTAIN ACCOUNTS, ENTITIES, AND RECIPIENTS; AMENDING SECTION 15-1-122, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.		
HB 495	Revise statutory Approps. and Local Gov. entitlement share payments	Rob Cook	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS; 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; REVISING THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE GROWTH RATE; 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.		
HB 522	Extend approval of subdivision application to mutually agreed upon time	Douglas Kary	Chapter Number Assigned
	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.		
HB 542	Revise subdivision and platting act	John Esp	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT REVISING PROVISIONS GOVERNING CRITERIA FOR LOCAL GOV. REVIEW OF PROPOSED SUBDIVISIONS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED AS PART OF A REVIEW; REQUIRING INFORMATION FROM A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY TO BE SUPPORTED BY SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION; 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; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-3-608 AND 76-3-615, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
HB 555	Providing for nonduplication of health insurance benefits	Steve Fitzpatrick	(H) Motion to suspend rules & accept late transmittal failed
	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."		

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HB 604	Provide for fund transfers to the guarantee account and old state fund account	Rob Cook	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	<p>AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FUND TRANSFERS AND AN APPROPRIATION; AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS FROM THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND SPECIALIZED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT, THE OLDER MONTANANS TRUST FUND, AND THE FIRE SUPPRESSION ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND; AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS FROM 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 FROM THE OLDER MONTANANS TRUST FUND TO THE HEALTH AND MEDICAID INITIATIVES ACCOUNT; AUTHORIZING A FUND TRANSFER TO THE OLD FUND WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACCOUNT FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE OLD FUND LIABILITY ACCOUNT; REVISING THE TRANSFER TO THE RESEARCH AND COMMERCIALIZATION STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND 2013; IMPOSING A PREMIUM FEE ON CERTAIN WORKERS' COMPENSATION POLICIES; CREATING A STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-35-108, 39-71-2352, 52-3-115, 53-19-310, 75-10-532, 75-10-743, 76-13-150, 76-15-904, AND 82-11-135, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE, AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND TERMINATION DATES.</p>		
HB 621	Revise aquatic invasive species laws and provide appropriation	Duane Ankney	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	<p>AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES IN MONTANA; REVISING THE MONTANA AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES ACT; AUTHORIZING COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION; ELIMINATING THE COORDINATING AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF QUARANTINE MEASURES IN AN INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT AREA; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND; AMENDING SECTIONS 80-7-1002, 80-7-1003, 80-7-1005, 80-7-1006, 80-7-1007, 80-7-1008, AND 80-7-1011, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.</p>		
HB 622	Revising funding for livestock mitigation and control of predatory animals	Duane Ankney	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	<p>AN ACT REVISING FUNDING FOR LIVESTOCK LOSS MITIGATION AND CONTROL OF PREDATORY ANIMALS; CREATING STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS TO REIMBURSE PRODUCERS FOR LIVESTOCK LOSS AND TO PROTECT LIVESTOCK FROM PREDATORY ANIMALS; TRANSFERRING MONEY TO THE ACCOUNTS; CREATING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK SUBJECT TO A TERMINATION DATE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-3110, 2-15-3114, 15-1-122, 15-24-925, 17-7-502, 81-1-110, 81-7-103, AND 81-7-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.</p>		
HB 629	Revise subdivision law and rent or lease exemption	Austin Knudsen	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Local Government
	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING SUBDIVISION LAW; REVISING THE EXEMPTION FOR THE RENT OR LEASE OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES OR PARTS OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES; PROVIDING REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR THE RENT OR LEASE OF MORE THAN THREE CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM HEARING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM PARK DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS; <u>ALLOWING A GOVERNING BODY TO EXEMPT CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES FROM SUBDIVISION REVIEW; ALLOWING A GOVERNING BODY TO REVIEW CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN THE SAME MANNER AS MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS</u>; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-3-201, 76-3-204, 76-3-208, 76-3-504, 76-3-506, 76-3-605, 76-3-608, 76-3-620, 76-3-621, 76-6-203, AND 76-7-203, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 76-3-202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."</p>		
HJ 4	Resolution opposing designation of national monuments without state's consent	Ken Peterson	(H) Filed with Secretary of State
	<p>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.</p>		
SB 1	Amend assessment of rural special improvement districts	Bruce Tutvedt	Chapter Number Assigned
	<p>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 INCREASES; REQUIRING NOTICE OF POSSIBLE RECALCULATIONS DURING THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT; AMENDING 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 A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.</p>		
SB 58	Lengthen time DNA evidence must be preserved in certain cases	Lynda Moss	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Judiciary
	<p>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."</p>		

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SB 91	Update postal service requirements for proposed cities and towns	Taylor Brown	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING POSTAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED CITIES AND TOWNS; AMENDING SECTION 7-2-4101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 108	Revise policy for management of large predators	Debby Barrett	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	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 174	Prohibit state funds for movement or relocation of bison to Spotted Dog WMA	Gene Vuckovich	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	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.		
SB 191	Require septic system disclosure on property sale	Ron Erickson	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Local Government
	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	Chapter Number Assigned
	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 AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY THAT IS ASSESSED ANNUALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT; 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, 15-1-409, AND 20-9-366, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND APPLICABILITY DATES.		
SB 266	Revise local coal tax gross proceeds tax abatement	Alan Olson	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	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 283	Revise process for changing county boundaries	Jeff Essmann	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	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, 7-4-2631, 7-4-2632, 7-4-2637, AND 15-10-420, MCA.		
SB 288	Provide administrative appeal for special district assessment	Kim Gillan	Chapter Number Assigned
	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) Transmitted to Governor
	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; PROVIDING THAT THE CONSIDERATION PAID ON A MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE MUST BE DISCLOSED IN A REALTY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE; REQUIRING THE USE OF THE UNIFORM STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL PRACTICE; REQUIRING THAT ERRONEOUS CALCULATION ERRORS MUST BE CORRECTED FOR ALL AFFECTED PROPERTIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-102, 15-7-307, 15-8-111, AND 15-8-601, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.		

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SB 306	Revise mining laws regarding cyanide health and vat leach open-pit mining AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROHIBITION OF CYANIDE HEAP AND VAT LEACH OPEN-PIT GOLD AND SILVER MINING; AND AMENDING SECTION 82-4-390, MCA.	Terry Murphy	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 325	Referendum to require majority vote in general elections 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."	Joe Balyeat	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) State Administration
SB 357	Revise laws for appointment and election of a resigning county commissioner AN ACT PROHIBITING A RESIGNING MEMBER OF A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN FILLING THE VACANCY TO BE CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-16-501 AND 7-4-2106, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.	Bradley Hamlett	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 372	Lower business equipment tax – phase more reduction on state economic growth 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; CHANGING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY; PROVIDING A REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, TO COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREMENT AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THROUGH SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR THE LOSS OF CLASS EIGHT AND CLASS TWELVE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; PROVIDING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-121, 15-6-138, 15-6-141, 15-10-420, 15-23-101, 17-7-502, 20-9-501, 20-9-630, AND 20-10-146, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE.	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 379	Generally revise county zoning laws 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; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-2-101 AND 76-2-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING A CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.	Alan Olson	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 420	Revise local government audit laws AN ACT PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR DELINQUENT FILING OF REQUIRED AUDITS AND REPORTS BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING A FINE; ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE THE PENALTIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-7-503 AND 2-7-517, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.	Steven Gallus	Chapter Number Assigned
SJ 6	Resolution regarding federal land use policy 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.	Alan Olson	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SJ 14	Resolution urging improved Dept of Livestock communication on bison control 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.	Bob Hawks	(S) Filed with Secretary of State

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